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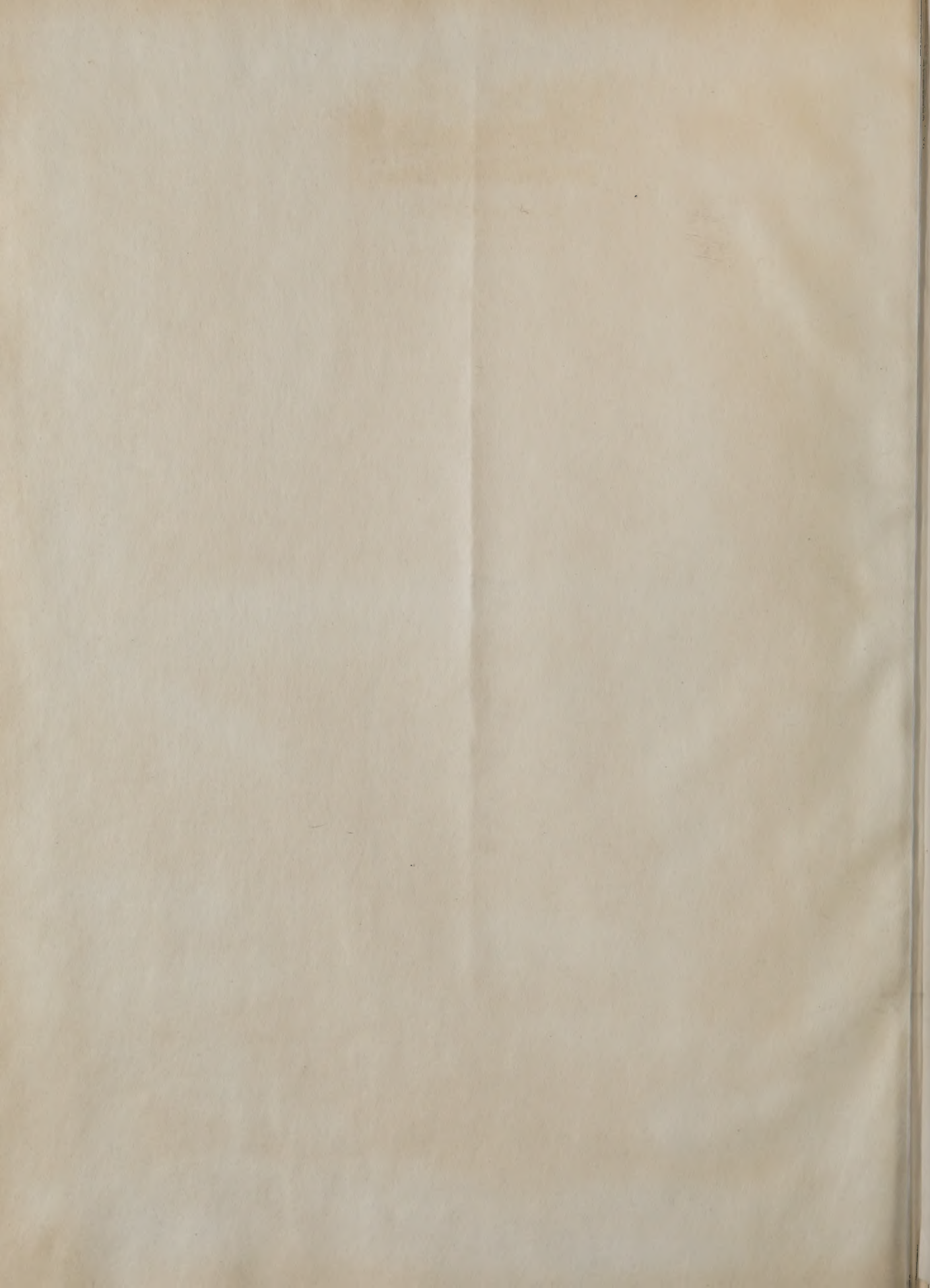
















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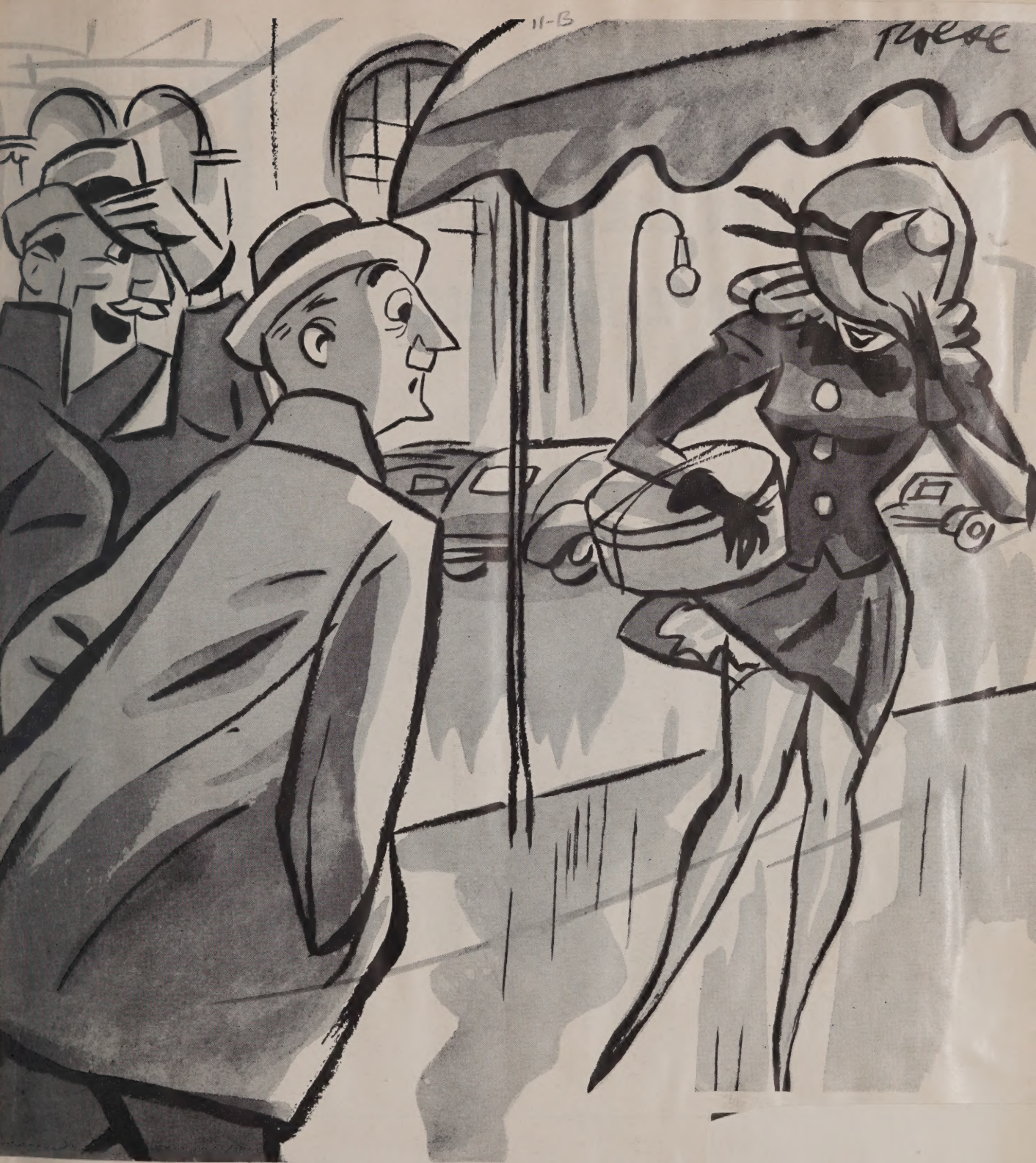
THE  
ILLUSTRATED  
DIARY  
  
of  
JAY R. BENTON  
  
for  
MARCH  
1942

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**"March is my favorite month! How about you, Wilberforce?"**









# This



By Rockwell Kent, courtesy of Wildenstein



# is America

By Katharine Brush

IT'S THE GRAY SURF boiling over the lonely rocks on the coast of Maine, and the old people sunning themselves on the sidewalk benches in St. Petersburg, and the near-divorcées dressed like cowboys on the ranches outside Reno, and the pink sunrise over the purple desert when you're flying to the coast in a plane. It's the mustard dripping from hot dogs in a baseball park in summer, and it's the lamps on miners' caps, and the cloistered hush of college quadrangles. It's a convention in Atlantic City, it's a county fair in Vermont, it's a cabin in the cotton in Mississippi. It's the little rough-hewn monument on the village green at Lexington, where Captain Parker said to the Minute Men, "Stand your ground—don't fire unless fired upon—But if they mean to have a war, LET IT BEGIN HERE."

IT'S A TRUMPET-PLAYER improvising in a smoky little night club. It's a soap opera on the radio in a lonely farmhouse on a Kansas prairie. It's the forward pitch of sailors' hats, and the stuttering name of Stettinius, and the studiously-wrinkled forehead of Joe Louis when he fights. It's the Riviera look of certain parts of San Francisco, and it's the azaleas in the Charleston gardens in the spring. It's ice cream soda. It's a hill bristling with oil derricks in California, it's Mrs. Roosevelt's column, it's the sweet faces of nuns, it's the illumined map of New York from the top of a skyscraper on a clear night, and it's the new young soldiers drilling with a special grimness now.

IT'S AMERICA, and you can't define it—nobody can define it. The best that anyone can do is list a few of its ingredients. The snow on the High Sierras, and the bathing beauties at Miami, and the granite pylon at Kitty Hawk, and the radio telephone in LaGuardia's car. The Tennessee mountaineers, and the green-knobbed rocking chairs on hotel porches, and the seventh-inning stretch, and the number 5 on the back of DiMaggio, and the ghost of the rebel yell

which echoes forever over Gettysburg, and the descriptions of wonderful food in books like Edna Ferber's. It's all these things, and none of them. It's a billion little things, and big. It's vitamin capsules, and gossip columns, and juke boxes, and billboards, and the last of the Vanderbilt mansions, and the horse cemeteries in Kentucky, and the sneak previews in Hollywood, and the red night sky over gigantic steel mills.

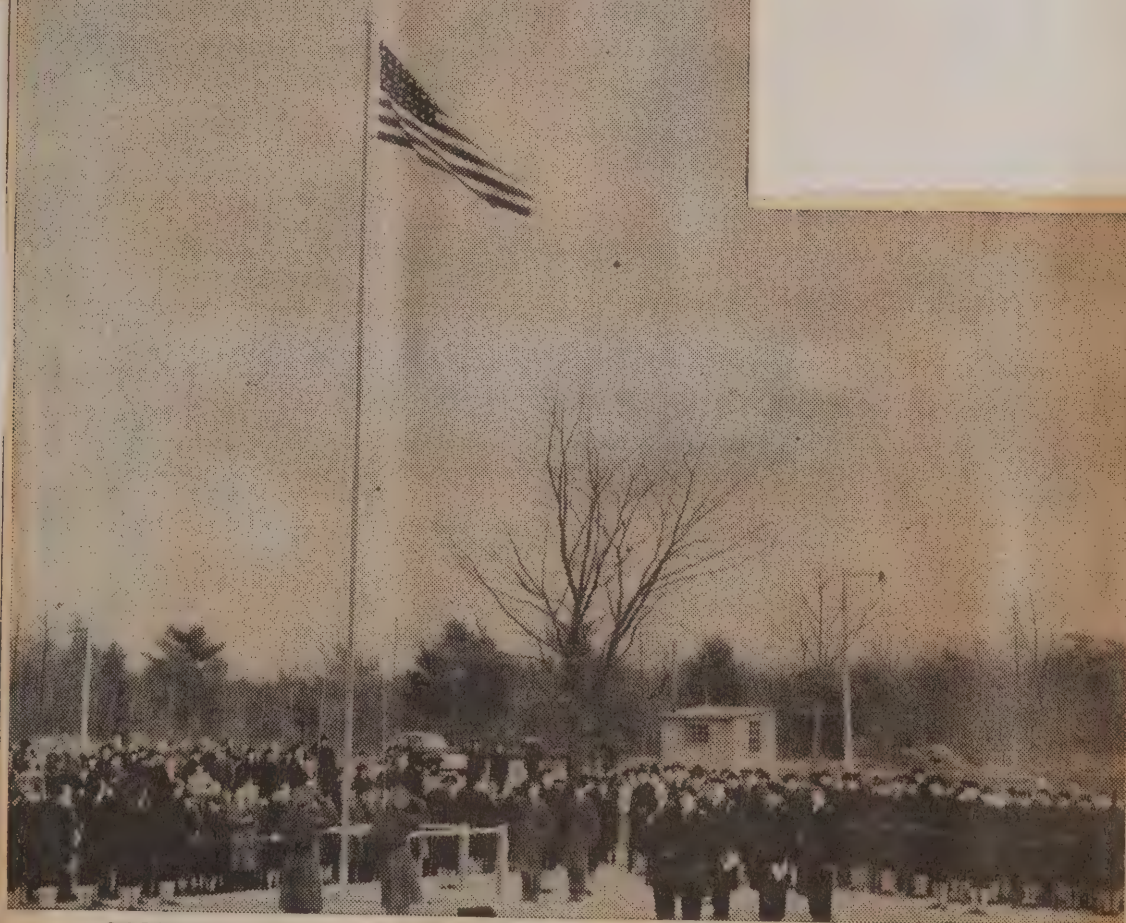
IT'S THE HARDING MEMORIAL, and the new monument to Huey Long. It's a soap-box orator, and a Red Cross Pink Lady, and a bare-kneed drum-major leading a Southern college football band. It's Jack Benny's Rochester, and it's the Cotton Festival in Memphis, and it's the pompano baked in waxed paper at Antoine's in New Orleans. It's the watchers at voting booths, it's the new civilian defense workers, it's the scream of dive-bombers, and it's the mixture of pride and terror and great courage that fills our hearts. It's a vast bareheaded crowd singing *The Star Spangled Banner*. It's the Marine officer in the last war who shouted immortally to his men, "Come on, you ———, ———, do you want to live forever?"

IT'S ALL THE SLOGANS, all the slang, and all the shibboleths. And all the song titles. It's the voice of the President saying, "—a date which will live in infamy—" It's the March of Time, it's the Gallup Poll, it's the soldiers' letters home, it's the rich complaining about taxes, and the poor being taxed but not complaining. It's Wendell Willkie's forelock, and Raymond Gram Swing's voice at night, and Maxwell Anderson's superb curtain-line for Helen Hayes in *Candle In the Wind*. It's the young men storming the enlistment places on the day after Pearl Harbor. It's America, and it's united, and it's what we're fighting for. It's everything we've got to keep—no matter what the keeping costs us. It's everything that Hitler couldn't ever understand.





SUNDAY,  
MARCH. 1<sup>ST</sup> 1942



COMMISSIONING AIR BASE at South Weymouth as naval blimp flies over.



**BLIMP STATION DEDICATED FOR COASTAL DEFENSE**



During yesterday's commissioning ceremony at South/Weymouth, Mass.

Associated Press Wirephotos



*What's In A Name?*



*According to thy name . . . .  
so is thy praise unto the ends  
of the earth.*

Psalms

In these pages is contained a reminder of the motivating forces which have built the University of Vermont. This booklet will be followed by a personal message from President John S. Millis and by a graphic record of the services of the University. It is our hope that these brochures, when viewed together, will tell the story of an institution which needs—and deserves—your continued support and loyal cooperation.





MUSIC ALWAYS HAS BEEN MA



*Another Capehart Home*

**"WISTFUL"**

*Photograph of a Cocker Spaniel*

by CLAUDE C. BRANNAN

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

*Awarded special honors at the North Dakota and Saint Louis International Exhibitions of Fine Photography. The many requests for copies of this remarkably realistic picture suggested its use on this cover.*

Sunday, March 1st 1942

Woke up early - This a fine mild day -  
Breakfast in bed. Orange juice - Corn flakes - Beans -  
sausages - fried egg - toast - butter & coffee. Read  
the Sunday paper + then up and put in a long day's  
work - Hung 3 newly-framed long pictures in the  
Dinner hall - Measured for new window shades  
there and in John and in Mary's room.  
Looked for the papers that Nicholas wants and straightened  
out the newspaper pile down there. it was a mess.  
Sorted the new records in the rack and indexed  
them. Started to clean out the attic. Had a  
good view of the Blimp circling over Boston.  
Frances said she was going to the Jameson's,  
but she wound up at the Rogers'. Dinner -  
Roast Chicken - Resumed cleaning the attic,  
at it until 5.30. Got about one third done.  
A hot tub bath. Because of what happened,  
this was a tough day at the end +

**March Ambles in  
Subdued and Sunny,  
as Lion Takes Nap**

In view of the old weather proverb, "In Like a Lion, etc." it was depressingly wonderful weather yesterday.

Sunday drivers were all over the place, some of them trying out their cars for the first time in 1942.

Men paraded in Boston with their topcoats on their arms. Sailors ditto with pretty girls ditto. Women broke out some of the new Spring hats.

Let's hope it's really an off year for the Lion.



Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1942.

A poor sleep last night - but up at the regular time + because of what happened yesterday, I went all the way to town on the Cars - Office - Work - out at 12.15 - To the Old Corner Book Store and selected 12 Books to send to the Guildhall Boys in the Service via the Public Library - On the way into Golding Moss - to forget the Hokinsey School picture to have a photostat made + Verett Lane joined me at the Book store. To the Old Georgian in Park Square - for lunch. Fried Shrimps. Started back. The Bus Station for Magazines for John - to Shraft's for Party for him - to Woolworth's for a frame for the Hobby picture - to Jordan's for Window Shades - but, not service - so to White's - ordered 8 - Spring flowers at the coming of Chaucer's Summer - to Regal's for leather shoe laces - cigar counter for Camels for John. Office - Work + gave Courtney 3 B.U. Law Assn. Outing pictures to have framed + Threw away the Xmas Centre piece - that has adorned the directors' table since the first week in December - Installed the Spring flowers. Secured the 3 Desk

Monday Morning,  
March 2nd, 1942

Corporal John H. Benton  
Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Dear John:

Well, my boy, you will be home this week-end and that will suit me to a "T". Yesterday was the first balmy day since last fall -- really began to feel like spring. I spent most of the day, however, clearing out the attic -- got about one third done. What a job. Your Mother started out to the Jamesons, there a while, then wound up at the Rogers.

Wednesday, I spent most of the day at the office making out State income tax returns. While out to lunch, I went to Stearns and bought a dozen hob-nail goblets. Also some shirts at a sale at Filene's. Friday, the classical record of the week, this time "A Night on Bare Mountain" -- more shirts -- and selected goods for another suit at Budd's Clothing Shop. Saturday, home early for lunch; at 4:30 your Mother and I went over to Brookline to the wedding reception of George Willard Smith's daughter -- he, president of the New England Mutual Life. Peter and a pal went to the B. & N. Play Saturday night, while David and two Exeter Classmates went into the Ritz to meet up with "Hank" Flash, Jr. of Piqua, Ohio -- but he failed to show up -- seems he got sidetracked by some feminine interest at Wellesley. John Rogers, in his new "gob" suit, came over to the house yesterday -- first visit home from Squantum in a month. Had his girl with him, a comely one, from Bar Harbor -- seems he wants to announce his engagement but no go yet. Had a good view of the blimp hovering over Metropolitan Boston yesterday. And that's the news up to now.

With Love,





Nicholas Benton

10 Webster Hall - Phillips Exeter Academy

Monday -  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 1942

Dear Mom & Dad -

I'll try and get a hold of last week's Exonian.

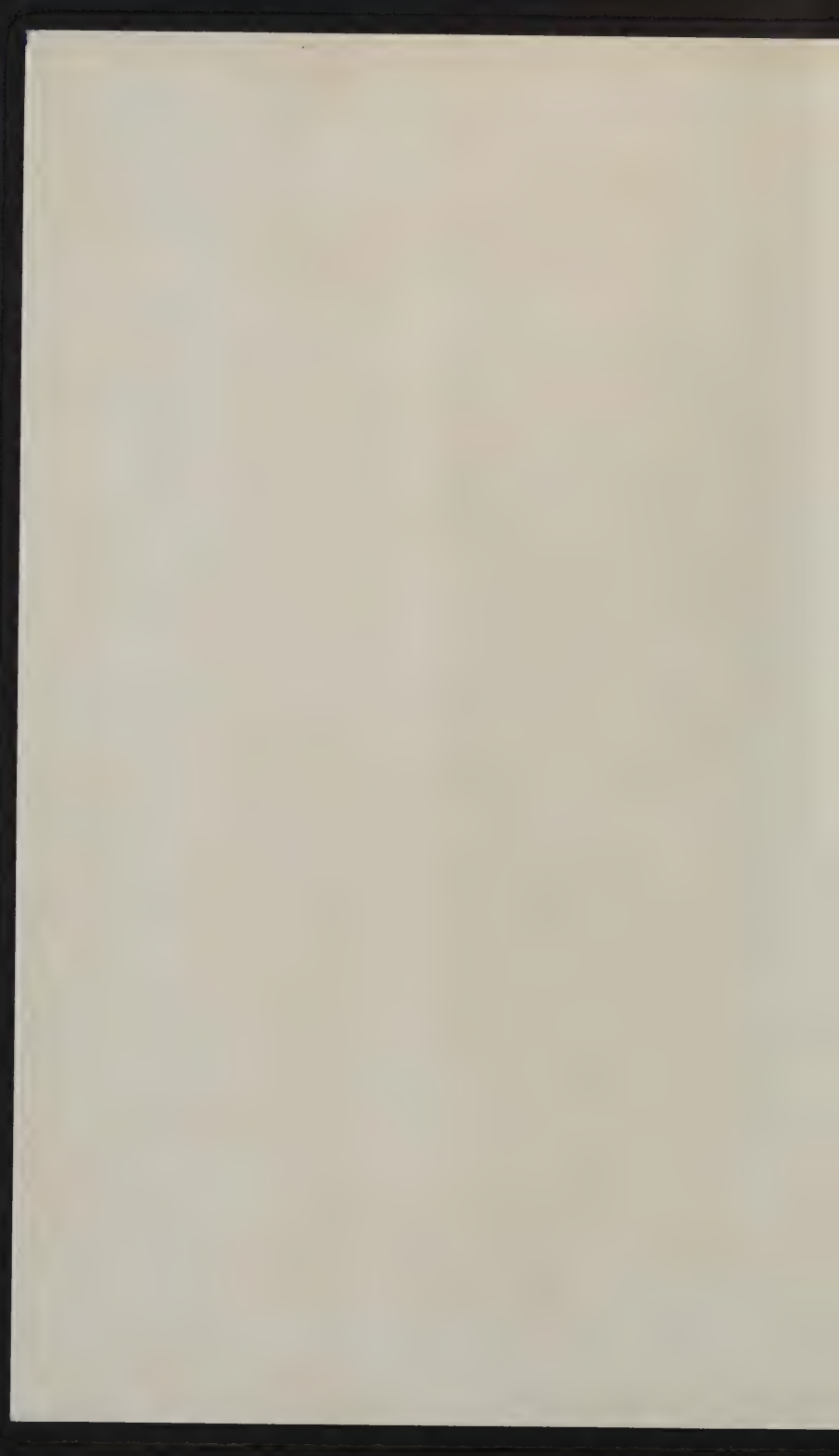
I plan to come home next week-end. Saturday afternoon I shall go directly to the Skating Club of Boston from the North Station. Can someone pick me up there at 5 o'clock? I'll have all my bags and stuff. That night I plan to see "Louisiana Purchase" on the stage.

Last Saturday night I saw "Woman of the Year" with Katherine Hepburn. It hasn't come to Boston yet. It's one swell picture. I was crazy about it.

Could you get those back-copies of newspapers I wanted?

I must try to "round-up" a box when I get home. There is nothing I own but I guess I could use some old stuff. Are there any shirts size 14?





I am now working on 3 books for English.  
"Greenmantle," "North to the Orient," and "The  
yearling." I'm very busy and that's only one  
subject.

I went down to Andover to see the  
Basketball Game. It was heartbreaking, <sup>50-43</sup>.  
Here campus is very beautiful and when I  
get good and rich I'll beautify Exeter. But  
it isn't the campus that makes the school.

I've got to read "Greenmantle" now.

Love,

Nick

P.S. How about having steak and French ~~fried~~  
Saturday night ~~and~~ <sup>or</sup> raisin pie for dessert.







STATE OF VERMONT  
ESSEX COUNTY  
J. M. PENDRIGH  
COUNTY CLERK  
GUILDHALL

February 26, 1942.

File \_\_\_\_\_  
Received - Benton  
MAR 2 1942  
Attended to viz:

Jay R. Benton,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Jay:

Herewith check \$40.00 for books to send the boys in  
service. Thank you for soliciting same.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. M. Pendrigh".



March 2, 1942

Mr. Joseph M. Pendrigh  
Guildhall, Vermont

Dear Joe:

This will acknowledge receipt in this morning's mail of the check for \$4.00 with which I will be glad to select, purchase, and send up books to be sent to the Guildhall boys in the service of their country. I probably will not have time to make the entire purchase in one lot, but will probably have to make two or three trips. I will attempt the same in the next few days.

With best regards to you and all my other good friends in the Town of Guildhall, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Jay R. Benton

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TAKE IT FROM ME	--	Neal O'Hara
AT HIS BEST	--	Irvin Cobb
TEN YEARS IN A QUANDARY	--	Benchley
BOOK OF BONERS		
GREAT DETECTIVE STORIES		
BOOK OF SHORT STORIES		
WHILE ROME BURNS	--	Alexander Woolcott
BOOK OF MYSTERIES		
SHERLOCK HOLMES		
BELIEVE IT OR NOT		
ADVENTURES OF ELLERY QUEEN		



March 2, 1942

Private Walter F. Benjamin  
Battery E  
Harbor Defense of Portsmouth  
Fort Foster, Kittery Point, Maine

Dear Mr. Benjamin:

I was very pleased to receive in the first mail this morning your letter of February 27th, and read your report about your activities with great interest, and I am now going to show it to Mr. Mansfield, Everett Lane, and some of the girls in the front office.

I am glad that you called to my attention the matter of Mr. Maynard Stoddard, who has taken over the supervisory responsibilities of the Printing Office while you are temporarily away. Until your return, he is now being put on a parity of compensation with that you received when you were on the job. In other words, he will get \$4.0 a week until you get back to the plant.

I hope you get your three-day pass soon and that you will take occasion to drop in at the home office and visit with us all.

I am glad to say that my son got over his tooth extraction O.K. with no complications. I expect that he will be home next week-end. He will not have been home for three weeks -- they are lengthening out the furloughs now. It used to be practically every week but this has gone by the Boards at the present time.

We had a good view of the blimp yesterday as it hovered over Metropolitan Boston. It came up from the new field at Weymouth.

We had news from Mr. Edgerton, who, fortunately, is now able to spend the cold months at St. Petersburg, Florida. He started in with a visit to the Solarium and, wonderful to relate, he now reports that he has been able to go in bathing a little bit. He has made a remarkable recovery from the several severe set-backs that he has had in the last few years.

The "Live Wire" was put to bed I think it was last Thursday, so that we should be receiving the first run off copies any day now. As soon as they reach my desk, I will mail one to you in the first outgoing mail.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Joy R. Benton*

JRB:BCC

newspapers and mailed them to Nicholas  
at Exeter. Left the office at 4.35 -  
at the Old South News Reels to 5.45.  
Bottle of Alcohol at Higgett's - Washington  
Street Subway - Home all the way on the  
cars - Got off at Payson Road. Into the  
Church to vote in the Town Election.  
Home. Dinner. Beef-a-la-mode.  
A good new mustard sauce + to bed  
early +



# RAIN, GALE LASH HUB; |

Tuesday, March 3rd  
1942

Rain, whipped by winds that rose as high as 50 miles an hour, lashed the Greater Boston area today, while to the rail transportation.

A driving rain storm this morning and gales shook the house and bent the trees. Breakfast and to town all the way on the cars, talking with Asa Allen, who was appointed to the Judicial Council last week. Because of the torrential downpour Frances did not go in town until about 11. Subway - office - work - Paid a terrific amount of household bills today. Out to lunch at 12.20 with Everett Lane - to Clark's Tavern - Filet of Sole - Tartar Sauce - to Jordan's to select books to send to Guildhall - to Kresge's for sauce - but second floor closed - to Schraft's of things for John - to Goodspeed's - Old South Church but no books I wanted there - to Heisner's no books - to Woolworth's - bought 2 books - Back to the office - Real Estate Meeting - left at 4.20 - Boston Bar Association Rooms. Meeting of Boston University Law School Assn + Over at 5 - to Beacon Theatre - Movies to 5.50. Home all the way on the cars. Talking with Francis Kendall + Home. Dinner. Chicken Soup - Cold Stewed Pot Roast. Baked Macaroni + cheese - French Fried Onions + Milk - Toast - Apple turnover. To bed at 7.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the  
Association on Tuesday, March 3rd at 4:00 P.M.

The meeting will be held in the rooms of the Boston Bar  
Association, 21 School Street, Boston, Mass.

Very truly yours,

ALEXANDER WELCH, Secretary  
845 Boylston Street, Boston

Hon. Frank W. Tomasello, President





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AFTER SUCH PLEASURES	--	Dorothy Parker
JEEVES	---	P. G. Wodehouse
CAPTAIN BLOOD	--	Rafael Sabatini



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**HARVARD'S FOOTBALL MEN IN WAR TIME** go to war. This photo of the 1937 football squad, or some of the members, shows the men who are in the service or tried to get into the war. Seated on the floor in front is Frank Foley, now in the army. Front row, seated, left to right—Don Daughters, 2d Lt., Army; Cliff Wilson, ensign, Navy; Bobby Green, Naval Air Force; Russ Allen, Physical instructor, Pensacola; Joe Nee, 2d Lt., Army. Middle row—Coach Dick Harlow, who was a captain in World War I; Austie Harding, ensign; Chief Boston, 2d Lt., Army; Torby Macdonald, ensign; Ken Booth, 2d Lt., Army; Ralph Pope, ensign. Back row—Fred Jerome, who tried to enlist, but was rejected because of physical disability as the result of an automobile accident; Win Jameson, Army; Timmy Russell, Lt., Navy, and Dick Hedblom, who, like Jerome, was rejected for physical disability. The others, their status unknown, have been blacked out.

# Harvard's 1937 Grid Team Goes to War

## 19 of 23 Players Who Beat Yale Join Armed Forces

By ARTHUR SIEGEL

They left their professions. They left the graduate schools and the play fields. One left divinity school. And, now that the United States is in the war, the Harvard football squad of 1937 is radiant as a beacon of patriotism. For, of 23 members of that squad, 19 are in the armed services. Of the others, it is definitely known that three tried to enlist and two of them were rejected because of physical disability.

**HARVARD MEN FOND OF 1937 ELEVEN**

That Harvard varsity football squad of 1937 is one that occupies a special niche in the affections of Harvardians. It was the first Dick Harlow team to defeat Yale, the first to attain an ultimate goal in the revival of sports interest at Harvard. Some of them that year were sophomores. Some were juniors and some were seniors. And they were Harlow's babies, the babies who grew up into men.

Harlow, like many other coaches, becomes deeply attached to his athletes. He sees in them the fine things that others may be too



casual to notice. He recognizes those qualities of inspiration and flaming spirit and he was speaking from his heart and not just from his brain back in December, at the Harvard Club.

The occasion had been the victory dinner given by the Harvard graduates to their football team when the athletes beat Yale. War had come to the United States.

Through that crowded, hushed hall, boomed Harlow's voice as he slowly said, "Now that the time has come, gentlemen, you will find that the Harvard athletes will answer the call of their country."

## GREEN PUT ASIDE CLERICAL ASPIRATIONS

Yet he did not realize how well that call would be answered by one squad, that 1937 squad. Some of them are not in the accompanying photograph, but they're in the service, 19 of the 23.

Seated in the center is Russ Allen, captain of that team. He tried to enlist for active flying, not once, but several times. But he had a bad knee, the result of athletics. He tried to enlist long before the war began. But he was turned down. So he insisted that there was something to do and he is in charge of recreation at the Naval Air School at Pensacola.

Seated at Allen's right is Bobby Green, the captain-elect for 1938. He was an end, a mild youth who was fierce on the football field. Green had decided on the church as his profession and he was in his final year at the Harvard Divinity School.

The youthful future minister, only this past fall, had been going over to the state prison at Charlestown each week, lecturing on football and social service as part of his training for the clergy. But when Pearl Harbor was bombed, Green put aside his books and his clerical aspirations and today he is in the Naval Air Force.

## TORBY MacDONALD ENSIGN IN NAVY

Almost directly behind Allen is Torby Macdonald, to be the captain in 1939, but at that time only a fleet, slick halfback. The past week he received his commission as an ensign in the Navy and he soon is to be assigned to active duty, and not behind a desk. The latest reports were that Fred Jerome and Dick Hedblom had been rejected because of physical disability.

But here are the 19 in the service:

Russ Allen—Recreation, Naval Air Force.

Timmy Russell—Lieutenant, U. S. N.

Cliff Wilson—Ensign, U. S. N.

Joe Nee—2d Lt., U. S. A.

Ken Booth—2d Lt., U. S. A.

Bobby Green—Naval Air Force.

Don Daughters—2d Lt., U. S. A.

Frank Foley—U. S. A.

Chief Boston—2d Lt., U. S. A.

Torby Macdonald—Ensign, U. S. N.

Austie Harding—Ensign, U. S. N.

Bob Stuart—U. S. A.

Ralph Pope—Ensign, U. S. N.

George Roberts—Ensign, U. S. N.

Bill Coleman—Ensign, U. S. N.

Joe Devine—Naval Air Force.

Joe Kennedy, Jr.—Naval Air Force.

Win Jameson—2d Lt., U. S. A.

Dave Glueck, 2d Lt. Army Air Corps (killed in automobile accident).

These were the ones who could be traced, who had kept in touch with former teammates. Of the 23 varsity squad athletes, 19 were known to be in the service. There may be more. And this squad of 1937 leads the way as the college athlete goes to war.

3 Pequotsette Road  
Belmont, Mass.  
March 3, 1942

Knight & Thomas, Inc.  
212 Summer Street  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Some time ago I bought two of your Underwriters  
fire extinguishers -- the same standing about three feet  
tall. They should be recharged.

I would appreciate it if you will let me know  
how I go about having this done and what the approximate  
cost should be.

Yours very truly,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC



My Dear

My dear friend,  
I have just received  
your letter of the 10th  
and am glad to hear  
from you.

I am very glad to hear of your success in  
your studies and hope you will continue to  
improve and make great progress. I am  
also glad to hear of your health and hope  
you will continue to be well and happy.

I am sure you will continue to be a  
great success in all your studies and  
in life.

Yours truly,

John F. Kennedy

## "Belmont"—The Estate that Named the Town



This hitherto unpublished engraving shows "Belmont" as it appeared shortly after the completion of the building of the mansion in 1837. An original of this engraving now hangs in the study of Jay R. Benton at 3 Pequotsette rd. Mr. Benton was one of the last owners of the mansion. The edge of the pond, shown in this engraving, was located approximately where Payson rd now meets Pequotsette rd. Some of the stones on the edge of the pond are now in the garden of August Johnson at 35 Benton rd.

### Editor's note:

Believing that readers will be generally interested in the historical development of Belmont, the CITIZEN this week begins the first of a series of articles on the estates and truck gardens that have been subdivided to house lots on which thousands of Belmont's newer residents live. Faces of the old estates now remain, but few residents know the story of Belmont.

No series of this sort would be complete without the story of "Belmont, estate that named a town and named a state." At one time this estate covered two hundred acres and included much of what is now Payson Park and Harvard Lawn. Many readers will recognize "Belmont" as a property of the Benton Estate, but Colonel Everett C. Benton did not acquire the estate until 1900 which was down to 22 acres. The glorious "Belmont" mansion was not torn down until 1929, but with it disappeared the last remnant of a once magnificent estate.

Earliest records of this section of town show that early in the seventeenth century Puritan settlers in Boston learned that this terri-

tory had been the home of the Pequotsette Indians. Their village was on the hill in the vicinity of what is now known as the Payson Park Reservoir. Sir Richard Saltonstall was the first white owner of the property, receiving the land grant from the King of England in 1630.

Sir Richard Saltonstall owned much of the area that later became the towns of Watertown and part of Belmont, but his home was built in Watertown. When the white inhabitants of this vicinity organized a township, it was called Watertown. Various Puritan settlers lived on the "Belmont" property, but the history of the estate dates from the first of the 19th century.

It was originally the seat of Ebenezer Preble, a very well known Boston merchant during the Revolutionary period. Mr. Preble was an interesting man. Records show that he married four times, but it was not while Mr. Preble was the owner that the estate became famous. He lived there until 1817, and his name is honored by Preble Gardens rd. Much as the Indians are remembered by Pequotsette rd. Preble Gardens rd is cut through the section of "Belmont" that included the remarkable garden that became more famous as the estate grew older.

### The Rise of Cushing

Some time prior to 1847, the heirs of Ebenezer Preble sold the property to John Perkins Cushing, a famous merchant prince of Boston. The real history of Mr. Cushing dates back to 1798. At that time he was a member of one of Boston's mercantile families. His uncle purchased a sailing ship and put her in the service of the eastern trades. Filled with merchandise she set sail one fine summer morning from Boston bound for Canton, China. Young Cushing, then 16, shipped as secretary to his uncle's partner, Ephraim Bumstead, but before the vessel reached the Far East Mr. Bumstead died and was buried at sea.

This meant that the sole representative of the business in a financial way was sixteen-year-old John Cushing. Upon him fell the responsibility of the vast consignment of the ship, and it was up to him to attend to the business affairs of no little magnitude. Like an Horatio Alger hero, the youth stuck to his post, writing home, so an old newspaper account says, that he was "bewildered but open for business." In the days of slow shipping his company had no alternative but to let him proceed with the business. The boy did not disappoint them, and



proved such an able match for the traditional "wily Chinese" merchants that his company did not replace him, but permitted him to continue to serve as their representative in the Orient.

#### Returned With \$7,000,000

The firm for which he worked, "Messrs. Perkins & Co." dissolved in 1827. Three years after this John Perkins Cushing, then not forty years of age, came back to Boston with a fortune estimated at over \$7,000,000. In those times, such a fortune was gigantic. It was then that he went out to Watertown and selected a home site, buying enough property

from various owners to make an estate of 150 acres.

The center of this ground was the homestead of Ebenezer Preble. Although there is no proof that he built his home on the site of the Preble mansion, it is generally assumed that Cushing did. It is claimed that he moved the Preble house to one side preparatory to building the house he had in mind that would overlook the port of Boston from the brow of the hill that is now Payson Park. So pretentious was this mansion to be that he knew of no Boston architect sufficiently equipped to draw up the plans. Thus he sent to New York for Richard Upjohn, the eminent English architect, who was in this country at the time for the purpose of building Trinity Church in New York.

Upjohn could build fine houses as well as the best churches, and he ably demonstrated this by designing and executing a rare mansion for Mr. Cushing. The architect was allowed to go to great expense and the house, when finished, was a fine example of what wealth could do a century ago. It is estimated that "Belmont" cost about \$115,000. From the quarries of Carrara, in Northern Italy, were brought many beautiful marble pillars, each so heavy, so it is said, that a single schooner was required to bring each to this country. The pillars were lashed to the deck of the vessels and were brought to the port of Boston with great difficulty.

#### Mahogany From Africa

The marble pillars are shown in the accompanying photograph. They were placed on three sides of the house. The forests of Africa were invaded for mahogany to furnish the house, and the original wainscots or trimmings of this wood remained in the house until it was torn down in 1929. To Spain they went for Spanish cedar for the floors, a wood so hard that even after a century of use as a home and once as a boarding school, the floors showed no signs of wear. The closets all over the house were constructed of cedar wood and camphor wood from Ceylon. Some doors were of solid oak, and in some rooms the floors were trimmed with ebony. Twenty-five of the doors were of

African mahogany, many of them from one piece of wood.

So simple was the entrance to the house that many who saw the mansion or pictures of it, did not know which was the front of the house. All sides of the house were beautiful, but the front faced toward Belmont st.

The "Memorial History of Boston" gave considerable space to a description of "Belmont." It says in part:

"Mr. Cushing was a great lover of the works of nature and with lavish expenditure he improved this estate, in the highest sense of the word, by the layout of the grounds and the erection of numerous plant and fruit houses. He contributed largely to the exhibitions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and opened his grounds once a week to the public in the summer season, making his estate the most famous at that time for horticultural progress in New England.

"The present estate (this was written in 1880) embraces two hundred acres, and its fine avenues, bordered with old oaks, walnut, and tulip trees (one of the last 80 feet in height), with other ornamental trees, rhododendrons, azaleas, and different shrubs, make it one of great interest. Here is a large conservatory, 60 feet wide, with fourteen other houses devoted to the cultivation of certain classes of plants, fruits, and vegetables. Among these may be named a large greenhouse, a pelargorium, two orchid, one palm, one azalea house, with several others devoted to grapes, peaches, nectarines, figs, and vegetables.

"The lawn on the south side of the house is magnificent, containing about 20 acres on and around are some of the finest purple beeches in the land. On these premises are several gnarled old oaks and a deciduous cypress of great age, and also a park well stocked with deer."

#### (To Be Continued)

In subsequent issues of the CITIZEN, the story of "Belmont" will be traced through the century when it served as a home, a private school, as the home for Colonel Everett C. Benton and family, to its subdivision into streets and dwellings.

# Another View of "Belmont," The Estate That Named The Town



shows the beautiful lawn of "Belmont" with the mansion in the background. The rare trees and sloping lawn for which the estate was famous are partially shown in this photograph. This lawn was the scene of several military musters, numerous lawn fetes, and many out-of-door charity affairs while Colonel Everett C. Benton was the master of the estate.

## Continued from Last Week)

At the death of John Perkins, the estate of "Belmont" had many owners. At the time when the Massachusetts Legislature was petitioned to set off certain sections of Waltham, Cambridge, and Belmont as a separate township, the owner of "Belmont" lent his aid to the plan. In return for the influence that he exerted over the legislature, he asked that the new town, created in 1859, be named after his famous estate, "Belmont." There was little objection to this proposal and the Town still bears the name which freely translated from French means, "Beautiful Hill." In the nineties the old mansion was occupied by the Belmont School, a boarding school. Little is known about this institution, but its story is a story in itself. The school was attended by children of the wealthy, one of the pupils being K. Thaw.

To accommodate the pupils a large dormitory was built to the northeast of the main house. There was also a building equipped as a gymnasium. The only building erected during this period that still stands is the beautiful fieldstone chapel, now serving as the Benton Branch of the Belmont Public Library. Among the contributors to the building fund of the Belmont School chapel were Bishops

Phillip Brooks and William Lawrence.

In this chapel, the Payson Park Congregational Church and the Belmont Methodist Episcopal Church had their first services. Last year the chapel was presented to the Town by the heirs of Colonel Everett C. Benton and is now used as a branch library and as a memorial to Colonel Benton.

## Martin Troy Worked Here

The estate maintained all of its grandeur during the period of the Belmont School. Martin Troy, now a Town official, as a youth received his first horticultural training while working on the estate. He recalls

when the sweeping lawns reached from Cushing ave to Belmont st and from Payson rd to Oakley rd.

The lawn was perhaps one of the most unusual features of the entire estate. It remained unturned for nearly 100 years. When the Belmont School ceased to exist, a land syndicate cut the outskirts of the great lawn into house lots. The sloping lawn ceased to be so extensive, but what remained of it was remarkable.

In September 1911 the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of which Colonel Benton was once commander, paraded on the five acre English lawn. The famous military organization was reviewed by the Governor and other military and civil



dignitaries. Again in 1916 the Harvard Regiment, on its way back from a week-end hike, visited the estate and drilled on the lawn before a throng of spectators. Lawn parties, pageants and other affairs were held on the lawn of "Belmont" to assist local and metropolitan charities.

#### Waverley Team Practiced

For several years the Waverley Football team, preparing for the annual Belmont-Waverley Thanksgiving Game used the lawn as a practice field in the day time. The writer, himself, recalls when Colonel Benton used to allow boys in the neighborhood to use his lawn for scrub football games.

During the period when the land syndicate had control of "Belmont," they suggested that the Boston Elevated Railway extend their tracks to the estate and that "Belmont" would serve as an amusement park, similar to Norumbega Park. This plan never materialized.

Just before Colonel Benton purchased the estate the Boston Homeopathic Hospital, now the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, was seriously considering the purchase of the estate, but evidently the funds were not forthcoming.

While Colonel Benton was master of the estate he continued to keep up the Preble Gardens and the rare trees. Among the latter were two of

the largest Camperdown elms in the country. There was also a rare specimen of the Ginko, brought from Japan by Ebenezer Preble.

Magnolia Sunday, during the first week in May, always attracted hundreds of guests. Some of these trees still remain on the smaller house-lots but many were destroyed when the estate was finally sub-divided. After the death of Colonel Benton in 1924, his wife, Mrs. Everett Chamberlain Benton moved from the old mansion.

The present streets that now identify the old estate were planned and built in 1925. Benton rd was named in honor of Colonel Benton, prominent in politics and business and social life. The Indians are honored by Indian Hill rd. Essex rd was named after the county in Vermont where Colonel Benton was born, and Old Middlesex rd was called after Middlesex County.

The old mansion remained in charge of caretakers while streets were cut all around it. Once the number of the house was 37 Oakley rd, but before it was torn down Indian Hill rd had been cut directly in front of it. After a serious fire in 1927, it was decided to raze the old mansion which was done a year later. The beauty of "Belmont" had ceased to exist, and its once glorious acres are now studded with small modern dwellings.

(Concluded)





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are deeply grateful to*

*for the patriotic service rendered by him in  
connection with the placing of the Second  
Liberty Loan of 1917.*

*Jay R. Barton*  
Chairman





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Chairman Belmont Public Safety Committee

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BELMONT, MASS. May 1918

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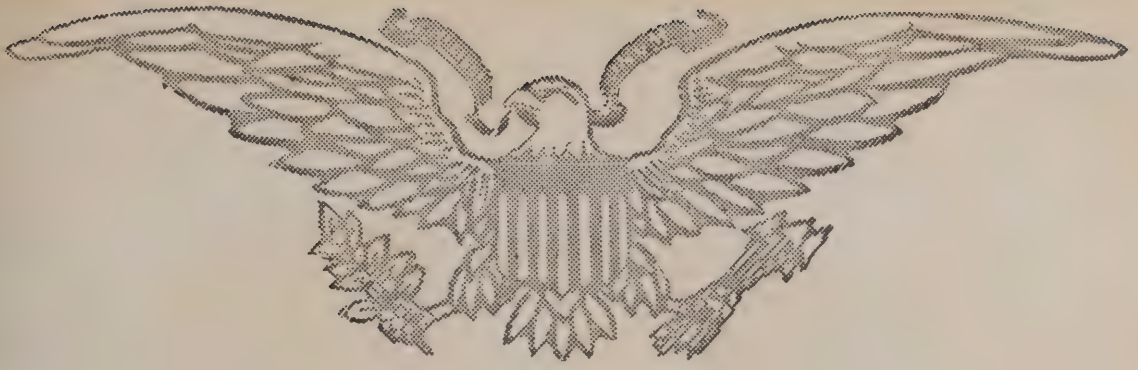
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*Belmont, Mass., October 19, 1918*





# **"VICTORY" MASS MEETING!**

ASSEMBLY HALL  
NEW HIGH SCHOOL

NEXT FRIDAY EVENING  
MAY 2, 1919

8 P. M.

## **SPEAKERS**

CONGRESSMAN F. W. DALLINGER

COLONEL WILLIAM J. KEVILLE

101st Ammunition Train, Yankee Division

SINGING BY THE BELMONT GLEE CLUB

Official Government War Film

## **"THE PRICE OF PEACE"**

Five Reels of Desperate Fighting to be Shown

**SEE** THE MARINES AT BELLEAU-WOOD. THE "LOST BATTALION"—AEROPLANE FIGHT.—CAPTURED GERMAN BALLOONS. AMERICAN BATTERY IN ACTION. U. S. TROOPS OVER THE RHINE INTO GERMANY.

**SEE** GAS SHELL DUEL. THE "LEVIATHAN" IN WAR CAMOUFLAGE. OUR TROOPS GOING "OVER THE TOP" AND INTO THE WHEATFIELDS ON THAT FAMOUS JULY 18, 1918, ETC., ETC.

There Will be No Charge for  
Admission. Doors open 7.30

Belmont Victory Loan Committee.







BOOKS SELECTED AND SENT MARCH 4, 1942 TO GUILDHALL  
PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE BOYS IN THE  
SERVICE

RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE	--	Zane Grey
VERDICT OF TWELVE	--	Postgate
UNCLE FRED IN SPRINGTIME	--	P. G. Wodehouse
MR. FORTUNE HERE	--	H. C. Bailey
25 GREAT DETECTIVE STORIES		
DANGER IS MY BUSINESS	--	John D. Craig
FIRST SAINT OMNIBUS	--	Charteris
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STARS ON THE SEA	--	Van Wyck Mason

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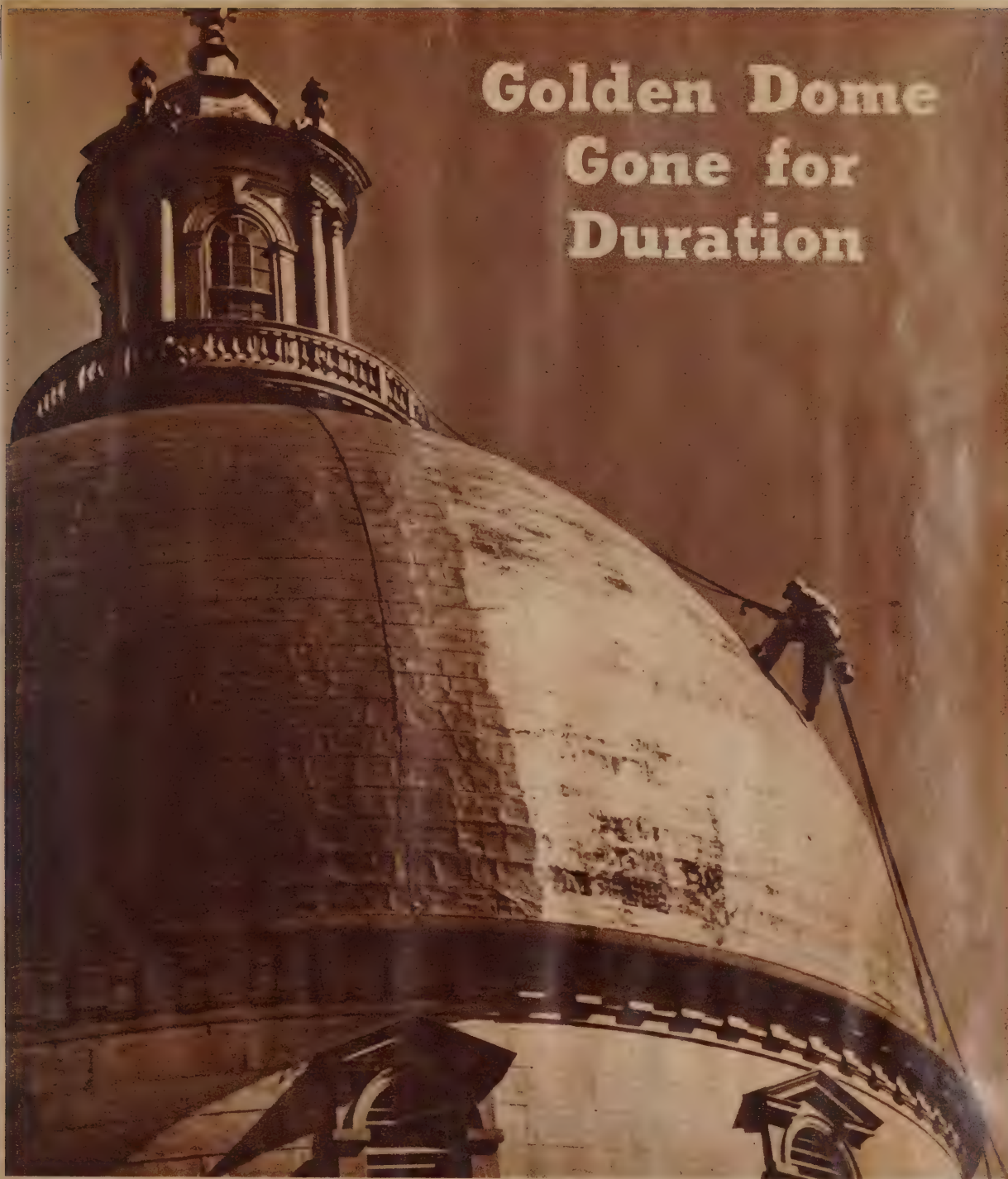
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# Golden Dome Gone for Duration



GLOBE STAFF, ARTHUR GRIFFIN

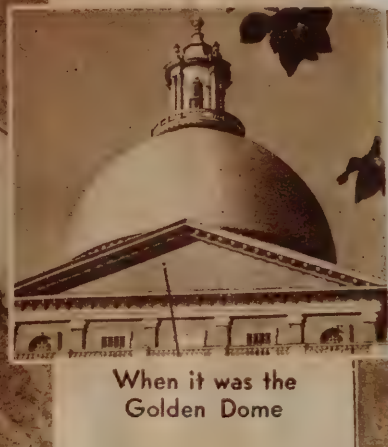
WITH its famous golden dome blacked out for the duration the State House has a grim "let's-get-on-with-it" expression these days. Spread over the once gleaming surface are 35 gallons of dark gray lusterless paint. State Supt. of Buildings Gustave W. Everberg says it won't reflect a single ray of light from moon or star.

Painting a rounded surface like the State House dome is about 50 percent more difficult than painting the side of a building, according to one of the men who worked on it. And it's a good bit more dangerous. Including the wire-brushing to remove enough of the gold leaf to provide a good surface for the paint, the job took 80 working hours, two men working 40 hours each.

A BOATSWAIN'S CHAIR was needed for the job, its falls fastened to a steel cable passed around the cupola. The painter rested his weight partly on the chair and partly on his feet when he reached the "bulge."



PHOTOGRAPHER  
GRIFFIN views the  
Common from the  
cupola atop the dome,  
235 steps up from the  
Beacon st. sidewalk.



When it was the  
Golden Dome





KNOWS how a fly on an orange feels, and like the  
his feet have a special grip. He wears shoes with  
ged rubber soles which act something like the tread  
on an automobile tire,

Last Lap of the  
Blackout





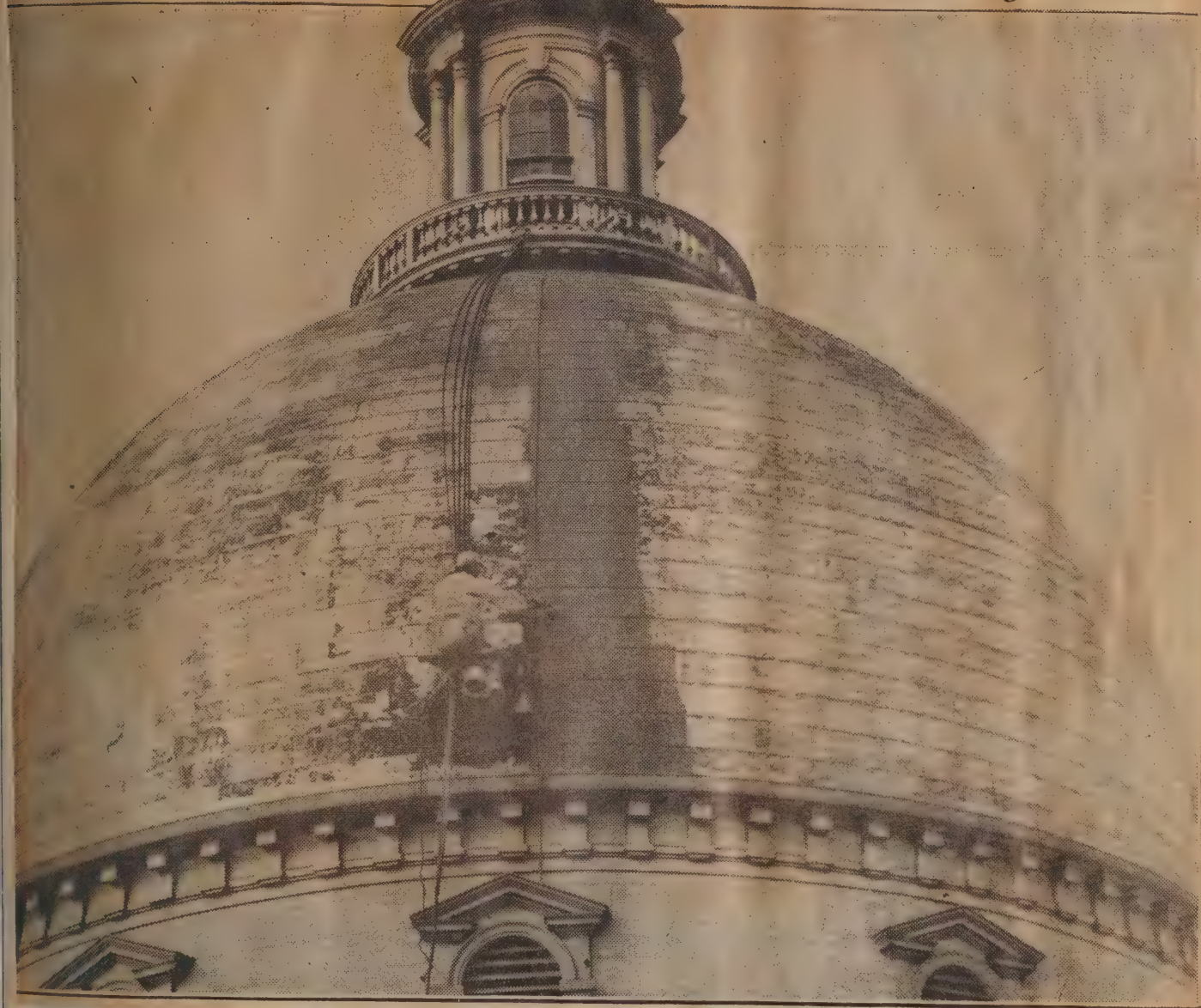


# TATE HOUSE

*Capitol's Dome Gets*

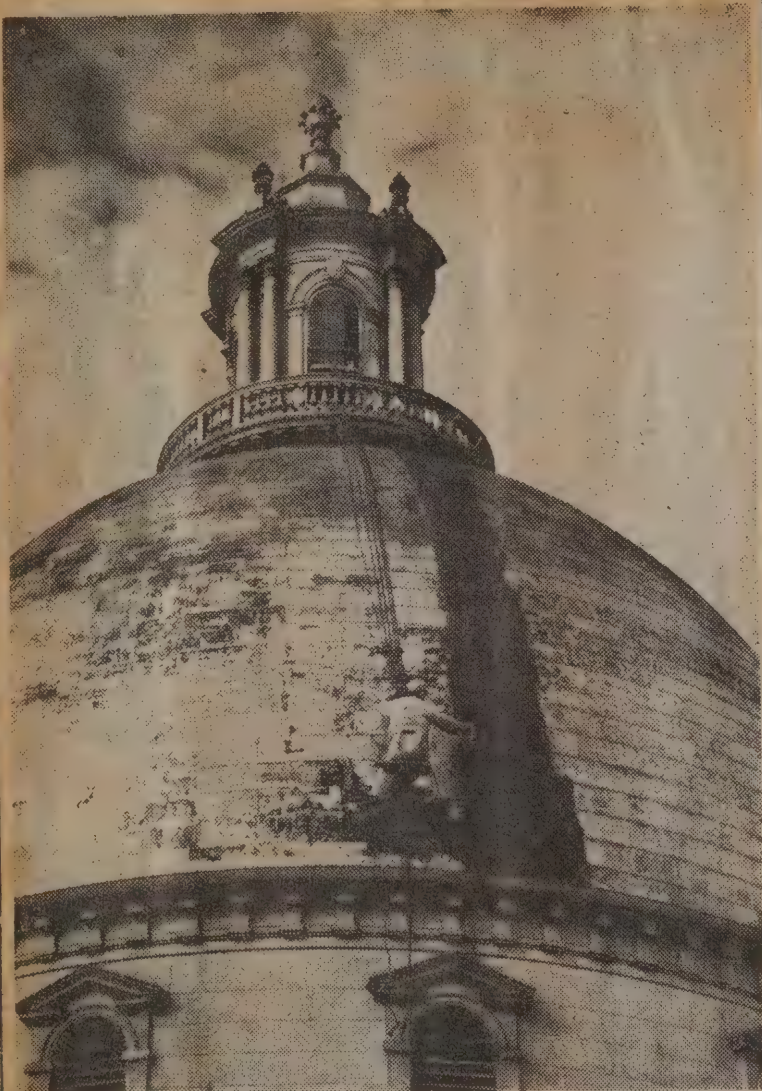
# ... BLACKOUT

*... Coat of Gray Paint*



*March 4<sup>th</sup> 1942*



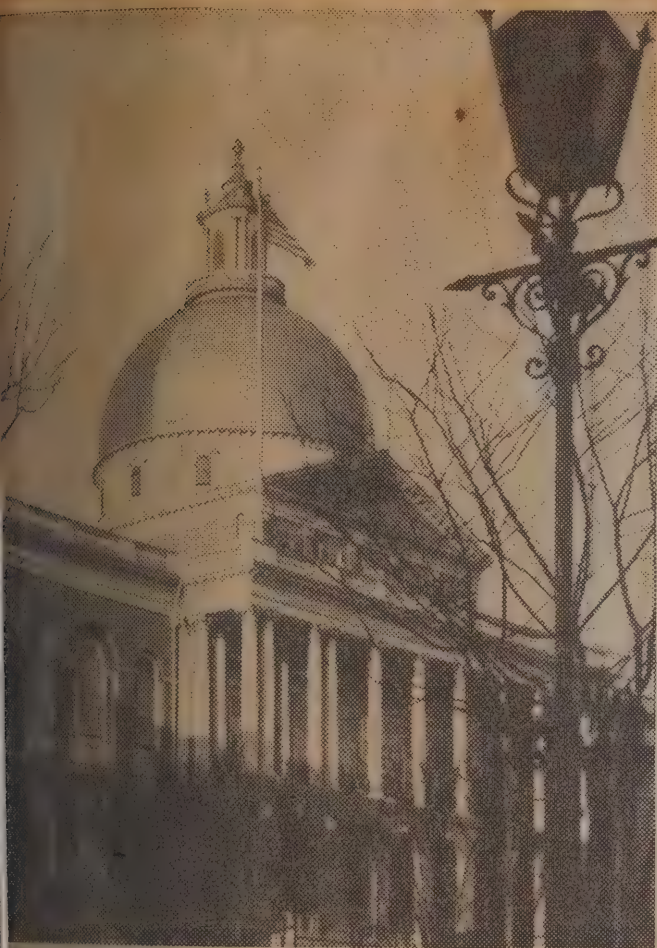


By a Staff Photographer

### Beacon Hill Landmark Concealed

The shining gold dome of the 150-year-old Bay State Capitol disappeared today under a coat of gray paint—a precaution taken lest the prominent landmark serve as a beacon to Axis bombers. The familiar dome, towering above the Bulfinch front of the State House, has worn a golden crown since 1874, when gold leaf was first laid upon it. It was renewed in 1888, 1899, 1906, 1911, and in 1924, when the last gold sheathing cost \$11,000. Originally the venerable landmark was roofed with copper furnished by the sons of Paul Revere.





**WHEN DOME TURNING GREY**—Possibility that enemy  
ships might find a beacon in the gleaming golden dome  
of the State House has caused state executives to have it  
painted a dull grey. As can be seen, the job is already well  
under way.

## DOMES GETS WAR PAINT



The gilded dome of the State House took on a drab appearance yesterday as workmen began applying gray "blackout" paint.





MARCH 4, 1942.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR.

## Benton Gift Gives Riches To Library

By Pearl Strachan

Staff Writer of  
The Christian Science Monitor

It has not been made public before, and few Bostonians know that the Public Library of the City has within the past five years added to its book treasure purchases which are probably more important than those of any other library in the country. This treasure was already worth about \$7,000,000. During the period mentioned Zoltán Haraszti, who goes by the time-honored title of the "Keeper of Rare Books," and is editor of the Library publications, has been able to make one exciting purchase after another.

### Dreams Come True

When he walked up and down his outer office, interrupting the work of his associates, it was to tell them that a librarian's dreams were coming true. The deal was on for medieval manuscripts of Flemish and French origin, a third edition Chaucer with woodcuts, and Caxton's first edition of the "Golden Legend." Quaritch's of London sent their president to America, on the outbreak of war, to raise much-needed money. In the firm's 100 years of history it had never offered more than 10 per cent discount. It now offered 30 per cent. The pound sterling had been steadily decreasing in value; American collectors were buying slowly, as they had been since the depression. All conditions combined to reduce books and manuscripts to less than half their normal price, and Boston had about \$500,000 in its purse, stipulated for scholarly books.

This represented compound interest and annual income on a bequest of the late Josiah Benton, a former Library trustee. In addition to a large sum of money for building purposes he left \$1,000,000 for the purchase of such books. For 15 years litigation between the Library and Trinity Church kept the funds inactive, but in 1936 the case was settled out of court, and the Library received 60 per cent. Interest had accumulated to the amount of about \$400,000. This and the annual income of some \$25,000 made a substantial sum with which the Public Library could begin to fill in the gaps in its collections.



By a Staff Photographer

### Among Rare Books, Hub Library

Top: Page from the "Speculum Humanae Salvationis" printed at Augsburg in 15th century—showing Jesus riding into Jerusalem on an ass. One of recent acquisitions of Boston Public Library. Middle: Zoltán Haraszti, "Keeper of Rare Books" and editor of publications of the Boston Public Library—at work in his office examining a rare edition of Chaucer. Below: Woodcut from the "Chronica von allen Königen und Kaisern" printed at Ulm in 1485—one of treasures acquired by Boston Public Library through Benton bequest.



## Rare Book Groups

The Rare Book Department has three major collections: the Prince Collection of Americana, including the priceless correspondence of the Mather family, Richard, Increase, Cotton, Nathaniel and the rest; the Hinckley and Cotton papers and other Colonial material; the Ticknor Collection which outranks in Spanish works all United States collections except that of the Hispanic Society; and the Barton Collection of English literature, one of the richest in the country in Elizabethan and Jacobean material.

No other public library in the country except that of New York City has rare book collections of such value as the one in Boston. Of the university libraries Harvard alone can boast one to surpass it, Yale is the only other to equal it. This, of course, does not take into consideration the Morgan Library in New York or the Huntington Library in California, both of which originated as private institutions.

One can merely touch the fringe of the treasures obtained by the Benton bequest during the past five years. The list is enough to go to the head of any collector. Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, the famous book collector, expressed his amazement and admiration when he visited the Library last summer.

The new purchases have greatly enriched the collections of the late 18th and the 19th centuries, with first editions, letters and manuscripts of Thackeray, Dickens, Keats, Shelley, Byron, Stevenson, Samuel Johnson and other writers. In addition, the Library has been able to purchase the best of secular literature of the 15th century. Before it had about 160 items, chiefly sermons. Now it possesses about 430, of which more than 100 are illustrated with the beautiful woodcuts of the period.

### "Golden Legend" Edition

The Caxton edition of the "Golden Legend" by Jacobus de Voragine, who was Archbishop of Genoa in the 13th century, is handsomely illustrated. It is considered the most impressive work of the 15th century printer, who made his own English translation, for it was originally in Latin, and wrote of it, "For lyke as golde passeth in valewe all other metalles, so thys legende exceedeth alle other bookes."

In 15th century Latin is a fascinating cook-book by a humanist scholar, Platina, whose real name was Bartolommeo Sacchi. "It took a good humanist to compose a good cook-book," says Mr. Haraszti, "for was not humanism, as a part of the renaissance, a return to the realities of life?" Platina, with other members of



the Roman Academy, was cast into prison and tortured, by order of Pope Paul II, and later rehabilitated by Pope Sixtus IV and given the position of librarian of the Vatican. His cook-book begins with a discussion of the properties of foods, much after the manner of the modern dietitian concerned with vitamins and proteins.

The variety of fruits and vegetables is comparable to that of today. Only the lowly potato appears to be lacking. That required the discovery of America. The list of edible fowl begins with peacock and ends with the fig-pecker. Herbs for flavoring include anise, mint,

nasturtium, cinnamon, parsley, thyme and pennyroyal. One of the woodcut treasures is the "Columbus Letter," in Latin, containing half a dozen pictures showing the discovery by Columbus of various islands.

While great care is taken not to admit the careless visitor to the department, the Library makes its treasures available to scholars and serious students. Many of the most important items are in bombproof shelters but can be obtained for use within an hour's notice. More than 4,000 persons conduct research in the department in the course of the year. A vast correspondence is carried on with scholars in all parts of the United States.



3 Pequossette Road,  
Belmont, Mass.  
March 4, 1942

Oakley News Company  
5 Newton Street  
Belmont, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Discontinue the delivery of the BOSTON DAILY  
POST, the SUNDAY NEW YORK TIMES, and the SUNDAY NEW YORK  
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Continue the delivery of the BOSTON SUNDAY HERALD,  
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Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

3 Pequossette Road,  
Belmont, Mass.

JRB:BCC





*'The storm may roar without me . . .'*



Edward Rowe Snow

### Minot's Light

Waves dash against the granite walls of the famous lighthouse off Cohasset, Mass., but its beacon is held high above the sea. Minot's is noted as the "I Love You" light because its friendly signal flashes one-four-three. It is one of the most isolated lights in American waters. Towering more than 112 feet above the mean low-water level, the stone shaft is frequently three quarters buried by huge

waves. This picture, taken yesterday by Edward Rowe Snow of Winthrop, Mass., shows water dashing 85 feet up the light. It was built after the first Minot's Light had been destroyed by a severe gale, April 17, 1851. The first light was on an iron framework. The present light, first put into service on Nov. 15, 1860, was built of granite blocks, resting on a submerged ledge.





# Everett Woman Killed by Car

Mrs. Justina Malcolm, 55, of 50 Bettison avenue, Everett, was killed almost instantly today when struck by an automobile as she was crossing Broadway, Everett, on her way to church.

Medical Examiner Dr. George S. Miles pronounced her dead upon arrival at Whidden Memorial Hospital.

Police arrested William B. Weaver of Beverly, driver of the automobile, on a charge of operating so as to endanger.

Mrs. Malcolm, wife of Wallace E. Malcolm, was a native of Cape Breton. She leaves, in addition to her husband, five children: Thurman, Lloyd, Mrs. Ruth Leonard and Mrs. Grace Schulz of Everett, and Warren of the Marine Corps.

March 4, 1942

Mrs. James Leonard  
15 Newton Street  
Everett, Mass.

*(née Miss Malcolm)*

Dear Mrs. Leonard:

I was terribly shocked when I heard yesterday of your great bereavement and the tragic passing of your mother.

I want to extend to you on behalf, not only of myself but of every person at the home office, our very deepest sympathy. Please be assured that you are in the thoughts of us all at this time.

Sincerely yours,

*Jay R. Benton*

President

JRB:BCC



March 4, 1942

David T. Montague, Esq.  
1041 Tremont Building  
73 Tremont Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Montague:

Just as a suggestion, I suppose it might be an advisable thing to do to call a meeting of the Executive Committee to have a discussion as to the advisability of holding the sugaring off this year in view of present rationing conditions in war times.

JRB:BCC

Sincerely yours,

*Jay R. Benton*

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1942

Filet of sole for breakfast - to the Square with Frances & David. - to the First National, Warrsthaus

for things for John, Sulway, Cobb, Bates, & Yexa - for more goods + Office - work -

Out to lunch at 12.30 - with Everett Lane.

At Cafe Royale - Hotel Touraine + Fruit cup -

Scrambled Eggs + Grilled Tomatoes - Milk -

Sulway to Mechanics - to new plant

of New England News Company - 30

Garrison St. Selected 10 Books for the Guildhall Public Library to be sent to the

Boys in the service + Back to the office +

work. Left at 4.30. to the R. K. O. Theatre for an hour. Abbot & Costello - in "Ride 'Em Cowboy"

Amusing + Home all the way in the cars + Dinner.

Corn + Chicken Soup + Grilled Halibut. French Fried Potatoes.

Grilled Tomatoes + Lettuce Salad. Toast - Milk +

Sliced Pineapple + Right to bed at 7.



The "Live Wire" came out today.

at 10 P.M. up to the attic to watch the trial  
Blackout in Cambridge +

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 1942

Shirred eggs for breakfast. Slept late  
this morning - not waking until 7.15 -  
to the Square with Frances + Office - work -  
Out to lunch at 12.30 with Everett Lane  
across the Common - taking a look at  
the State House Dome being painted gray -  
to the Hotel Lincolnshire + Jellied Consomme -  
Chicken Loaf - Spinach - Milk - Grape Fruit -  
On the way back - to Woolworth's -  
Linen writing paper + envelopes - to be Monogrammed.  
Another store for 500 envelopes - Office - work -  
left at 3.45 - Bus to the North Station - 4.20  
train to Belmont. Walking along with Judge  
Stone to meeting of library trustees - over  
at 6. David came down to get me. Home.  
Girls out. Frances Cooking + Cup of Tea +  
Played records. Dinner - Beef a la mode in  
gravy + Baked Potato - Cabbage - Lettuce Salad -  
Peach Dish Apple Pie - Cheese - to bed. Papers -  
Radio - and finally to sleep +

## BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Monthly Meeting of Trustees

Thursday, March 5th, at 5 P. M. at the Library.

LUCY D. LUARD

Secretary



*THE  
LIVE WIRE  
Boston Mutual Life  
Insurance Company*

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*Mid-Winter Issue*  
1942



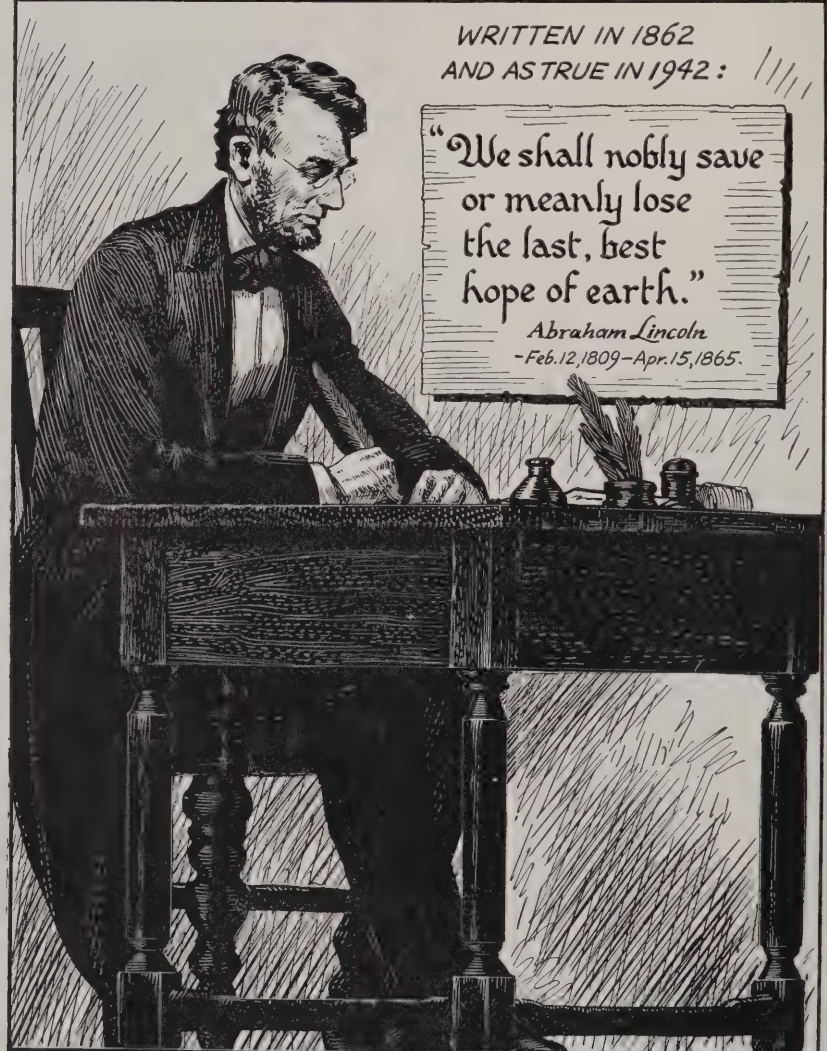


# OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

WRITTEN IN 1862  
AND AS TRUE IN 1942:

"We shall nobly save  
or meanly lose  
the last, best  
hope of earth."

*Abraham Lincoln*  
-Feb. 12, 1809 - Apr. 15, 1865-



HUBERT MATHIEU



**THE ANNUAL ADDRESS  
OF  
PRESIDENT JAY R. BENTON  
At the Fiftieth  
Annual Meeting of Policyholders**



We meet as our nation gathers itself for the greatest effort in all its history. Since the initial shock at Pearl Harbor and the succeeding anxious days during which our country declared a state of war with Japan, Germany, and Italy, we have come to some realization of what must necessarily confront us. The country is now in a period of war emergency which will require exceptional effort on the part of every individual and business enterprise. Life insurance in this country has always responded to the demands of the hour. It has contributed mightily to the economic security of the people in peace, it will now help much more to sustain the national defense. A great share of the people's income flows into the reservoirs of life insurance companies and the funds so deposited begin immediately to filter into the vast channels of the war effort. We shall do our part. We now have, as individuals and as a nation, one fundamental purpose—to defeat the Axis and to save the democratic way of life for America and to preserve for the world this country where freedom and liberty for mankind survive.

To that end, we will willingly give our time, our money, even our life to our country. Most of us will never march or sail the seas, never have any thrilling moments, but there are lots of things we can do, no matter how old or young—no matter what our job. We'll have to serve without music, without cheers, without praise and admiration. For the morale, it is extremely important that we all perform our little, ordinary, everyday tasks with care and precision. There isn't much more the majority of us can do, but it's the seemingly little things that, altogether, form the great things worth fighting for and give our fighters the will to fight and the spirit of victory. It is in this spirit and with this determination that we proceed to the business that is before us.

This is the fiftieth annual meeting of the policyholders of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company. I have the honor for the sixth time to report to you, in my capacity as president, the progress of the Company during the past year. The purpose in telling you what we have done during the past twelve months is to justify your continued confidence and to outline our plans for the future.





GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF HOME OFFICE OFFICIALS AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TAKEN AT ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 28, 1942

**Front Row (Left to Right):** Supt. Louis Mirisola, Holyoke; Head Ind. Bkg. Dept., Dorothy Martin; Head Agency Dept., Rosella Hubner; Virginia Garabedian; Head of Claim Dept., Irene Kemper; Cashier Margaret Martin, Taunton; Head Policy Dept., Theresa Simpson; Head Medical Dept., Isabelle Sullivan; Mary Forrest; Dorothea Murphy; Emma Diamond; Julia Driscoll; Adeline Rotondi; Margaret Driscoll; Mary Powers; Catherine Ryan.

**Second Row (L. to R.):** Asst. Cashier, Nellie Sheehan, Holyoke; Supt. Talcott Burgess, Dorchester; Agency Insp. Frank Newman; Asst. Actuary Earle Keene; Supt. John Brennan, Lawrence; Actuary Byron Wright; Medical Director Arthur H. Davison; Secretary and Treasurer Edward C. Mansfield; President Jay R. Benton; Supt. of Agencies William H. Moody; Asst. Supt. of Agencies Lorne J. Peters; Asst. Sec. and Treas. Everett H. Lane; Beatrice Cook; Mgr. Real Estate, Chester W. Snow; Supt. Thomas McAndrew, Fall River; Supt. Harry Porter, New Bedford; Supt. Joseph White, Boston; Agent Samuel Hartley, Waltham.

**Third Row (L. to R.):** Asst. Cashier Helen Cahill, Fall River; Head H. O. Cashier's Dept., Rose Durivage; Cashier Anna Reilly, Lawrence; Asst. Cashier Kathleen Andrews, Lawrence; Cashier Catherine Landy, Springfield; Cashier Helen Mills, Portland; Asst. Cashier Ethel Daley, Lynn; Cashier Lily Sheppard, Fall River; Cashier Isadore Gray, New Bedford; Cashier Susan McCullough, Southbridge; Cashier Evelyn McDonald, Roslindale; Asst. Cashier Mabel Blanchard, Lynn; Grace Faunce; H. O. Asst. Cashier Mary O'Leary; Head Ordinary Dept., Helen Fox; Emily Lurie; Mary McInnis; Isobel Longthorpe; Asst. Cashier Mary Sheu, Springfield; Cashier Christina Paradis, Haverhill; Elsa Westine; Head Actuarial Dept., Mary McDonald; Cashier Delvina Schmidt, Lewiston; Cashier Helen Wilfert, Fitchburg; Cashier Mary Maguire, Brockton; Cashier Margaret Crimmins, Malden; Hazel Fleming; Anna Spencer; Head Loan & Ind. C. S. V. Dept., Edith Davis; Kathryn Crady.

**Fourth Row (L. to R.):** Asst. Supt. Manuel Cordiero, Fall River; Asst. Supt. Peter Kane, Lowell; Asst. Supt. Cornelius Murphy, Lowell; Asst. Supt. Joseph McJannet, Lowell; Supt. Harry Scampton, Waltham; Asst. Supt. Michael Green, Cambridge; Supt. Thomas DeVelis, Manchester; Supt. Joseph Derosier, Brockton; Supt. Joseph Cote, Lowell; Asst. Supt. William Coddair, Cambridge; Asst. Supt. Francis McCabe, Lawrence; Supt. Harry Freeman, Roslindale; Asst. Supt. Eugene Enos, New Bedford; Supt. James Doherty, Haverhill; Supt. Henry Horan, Framingham; Supt. Jerry Cahill, Fall River; Asst. Supt. Robert Miller, Pittsfield; Supt. Vito Carbone, Chelsea; Asst. Supt. Patrick Lynch, Framingham; Asst. Supt. William Dwyer, Framingham; Supt. Joseph Smith, Springfield; Supt. Louis Neiss, Worcester; Supt. Melvin Tappin, Pittsfield; Supt. Gerald Doncette, Portland; Supt. Ambrose White, Providence.

**Fifth Row (L. to R.):** Courtney Newman; Supt. George Swig, Allston; Supt. Frank Diorio, Southbridge; Asst. Supt. Carmine Viglione, Roslindale; Supt. Thomas Boylan, Greenfield; Supt. Clifton Powers, North Adams; Supt. Alexander McLean, Quincy; Supt. Charles Burkud, Chelsea; Asst. Supt. Frank Berchman, Woonsocket; Supt. Louis Leon, Woonsocket; Supt. John Quinn, Salem; Asst. Supt. Arthur Lopez, New Bedford; Supt. John Ring, Lynn; Asst. Supt. Antoine Martineau, Woonsocket; Maynard Stoddard; Asst. Supt. Albert Blodreau, Fitchburg; Supt. Bernard McCormick, Fitchburg; Asst. Supt. Charles Egerly, Chelsea; Asst. Supt. Parslan MacDiarmid, Cambridge; Asst. Auditor Robert Slinson; Charles Noble; Francis French; Asst. Supt. Patrick Sheelin, Holyoke; Supt. William Farrel, Malden; Asst. Supt. William Walsh, Portland; Asst. Supt. Louis Thackeray, Haverhill; Supt. Edward Mackay, Cambridge; Supt. William Fyfe, Lewiston; Asst. Supt. Charles Solomita, Fitchburg.

### **THE NATURE OF THE COMPANY**

Life insurance is conducted under two separate plans, the stock and the mutual. Under the stock plan the business is owned by the stockholders and conducted for profit, just the same as any other commercial business. Any profits arising from it can, at the option of the management, be used either in the payment of dividends to stockholders or dividends to policyholders. Under the mutual plan the companies are owned entirely by the policyholders. No one has any proprietary interest in them. Any profits arising from the conduct of the business belong to the policyholders. Mutual life insurance is, therefore, not a commercial industry. It is primarily and essentially a service institution. Its work is to safeguard and conserve the funds entrusted to it and administer them efficiently, economically, and safely, entirely in the interest of and for the benefit of the policyholders.

The policyholders of a mutual company make certain premium payments to the company to obtain protection. Such payments are scientifically calculated to defray the expenses of the company's operations and to establish a fund which, with accumulated interest derived from its investment, will insure the payment of all claims and benefits due to members under their policies. This, then is a co-operative organization of 315,019 members who, I believe, are vitally interested in its progress. Your attendance is welcome at our annual meetings. Every policyholder is entitled to vote. Every policy issued carries a notice of the date of the annual meeting.

### **THE MANAGEMENT**

To administer the affairs of the Company and to guide its operations, for the benefit of the policyholders, the ablest men available are elected as directors. The Boston Mutual's board of directors is composed of men of high character, standing, and broad experience, well qualified to direct and aid the management in handling the Company's business. The members of the board discharge their duties with a keen sense of responsibility. Their interest is shown by the regularity of their attendance at the meetings and their willingness at all times to consult with the Company's officers on its business whenever called upon. Actions based on decisions arrived at in board or committee meetings, while not requiring a unanimous vote, are rarely, if ever, taken without such a vote, and this applies particularly to the actions of the finance committee regarding investment of the Company's funds.

It is a pleasure to record the gratitude of the Company for the effective manner and unfailing courtesy with which the men and women at the home office discharged their individual responsibilities. Our staff, from top to bottom, did their jobs well and faithfully. To those heads of departments, who have been with the Company for so many years, the management is especially grateful.

### **THE FIELD FORCE**

The accomplishments of the agency force in 1941 were the best in our history. To have written \$23,742,171 of new insurance tells its own story. Only a small part of all this business was written by agents, who are described as "large producers." On the contrary, it represents the daily, persistent



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work of a host of men who, by their efforts, built well for the Company and enabled so many people to be mutually protected against the hazard of death and the misfortune of old age dependency. The personnel problem becomes more and more important. The draft and higher paying defense jobs took some good men from us and limits the field of men available to fill vacancies.

Located in most of the principal cities of New England, we have 33 district offices from which the Company's field representatives operate. Each district is in charge of a superintendent. His duties, aside from giving prompt service to the policyholders in his territory, are the recruiting and training of new agents and the supervision and assistance of his associates. Genuine thanks go to the superintendents for the great record they made last year.

Their ranks were broken twice during 1941 and the Company suffered real losses in manpower. In June came the tragic drowning of Reo Brodeur at Cape Cod. He had been with the Company seventeen and a half years and at the time of his untimely death was serving his eighth year as superintendent at Providence. Reo Brodeur was always faithful, always loyal. He was successful in every position he held from the day he first started out on a debit to his last day, when he closed his office, with all its affairs in proper order, to spend a week-end at Sandwich.

In the middle of December, Thomas A. Cahill, superintendent at Fall River, passed away after suffering from a heart ailment for several months. He first started with the Boston Mutual as an agent in 1907. He later worked five years for another company and returned to us in 1916. He made rapid progress—was made head of the Taunton district in 1923 and the following year took charge at Fall River, where he served continuously until his death. Twenty-nine years of loyal service to the Boston Mutual—faithful in the performance of his duties. He had the respect of his fellow workers. His strength and his ability will be missed.

To fill the vacancies, Ambrose F. White, superintendent at Allston, was put in charge at Providence, and George D. Swig, an assistant at Dorchester, was promoted to a superintendency and assigned to the Allston district. Thomas J. McAndrew, superintendent at Taunton, was promoted to the Fall River district. In eight other of our districts, agents were promoted to be assistant superintendents.

### A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

Another year of solid achievement in which the Boston Mutual continued to go forward in service to the insuring public is reflected in the figures for the fiscal year of 1941. Not only was the year one of substantial gain, but it was one in which progress in all ways was the best made during any twelve months' period, in the fifty years that the Company has been doing business. By a happy coincidence, we celebrated our Golden Anniversary in August, and it was then we reached one of our goals—that of one hundred millions of insurance in force. The net gain of insurance for the year was \$8,929,190, and on December 31st the insurance in force amounted to \$103,589,639.



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It was a year in which the total admitted assets, the premium income, the excess of income over disbursements, and payments to policyholders and beneficiaries again attained new all time highs. We gained 23,063 policies, which now number 315,019.

Admitted assets increased during the past year 7%, making the total admitted assets on December 31st \$16,192,179. Liabilities at the end of the calendar year amounted to \$15,187,364, the greater part of which are the policy reserves of \$14,519,678; excess of income over disbursements was \$921,970.76; our surplus at the end of the year was \$950,380.20.

### WHAT WE TOOK IN

The total income of this Company from all sources last year was \$4,810,230. You may be interested to know what happened to all this money:

### WHAT WE PAID OUT

- First:* \$1,778,553 was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries.
- Second:* \$1,155,319 was paid to the agency organization for writing new and conserving old business, including medical examiners' fees and inspection of risks of \$35,736.
- Third:* \$339,904 was paid for home office administration expenses, including the home office payroll of \$197,288 and investment expenses of \$44,500.
- Fourth:* \$120,847 was paid for taxes, including real estate, social security, state and miscellaneous.
- Fifth:* \$473,482 was charged for losses on sales and decrease by adjustment of ledger assets.
- Sixth:* \$20,154 was paid for miscellaneous disbursements.

Adding all these items makes a total of \$3,888,259. That left \$921,971 and of this \$730,688 was used to increase reserves, while the balance of \$191,283 was allocated to surplus.

On December 31st, this Company had in its offices and banks cash balances of over \$411,000.

### PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS

A mutual life insurance company is organized for the purpose of making to its members and their beneficiaries the largest payments possible, consistent with safety, and in accordance with the terms of the respective policies. In 1941 the Boston Mutual paid to policyholders and their beneficiaries \$1,778,552.69, or for every business day nearly \$6,000.00. Included in the total payments made during the year were the dividends of \$220,430.46, which represented the participation of the Company's policyholders in interest earnings in excess of the basic assumptions in their contracts and in savings from a very favorable mortality experience.

Since organization the Company has paid to policyholders and beneficiaries \$35,108,682.43. The uses to which these payments were put cannot

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be exactly stated, but all can appreciate how much good the money did to stem emergencies, to maintain comforts, how much privation they prevented, the children whose education they helped to continue, businesses saved, and the peace of mind that over \$35,000,000 has brought to thousands of individuals who had the foresight to participate in the collective principles of mutual life insurance and for those for whom they afforded insurance protection.

### WAR RISK CLAUSE ON NEW POLICIES

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners at their meeting in 1940 recommended the adoption by life insurance companies of a suitable war clause or rider. The directors of this Company adopted, in November, 1940, such a rider for ordinary policies for use if war should come. The sudden attack on Pearl Harbor came Sunday, December 7th. The next morning, the directors prescribed the use of the rider on all ordinary policies issued from then on. The increasing intensity of the war has hastened the trend, and most companies are now putting war riders on industrial writings. The directors at the meeting on January 21st, instructed the use of such riders on industrial policies issued from then on.

The principal purpose of imposing a war rider is to avoid subjecting present policyholders to the greater risks to be assumed on new business taken during the war period. None of the restrictions, naturally, is effective for policies issued previous to the imposition of the riders. Nor does the adoption of such clauses exclude those in the armed services from insurance coverage, as the Government issues low-cost life insurance to the men in the military and naval forces.

### THE WAR EFFORT AND TAXATION

The Boston Mutual had to pay out in taxes last year \$120,847.52. Included in the cost of taxes was \$37,672.96 for State taxes on premiums, \$37,973.51 for taxes on real estate, \$11,200.34 imposed by the Federal Security Tax, and \$33,417.70 for the State Unemployment Insurance Tax. For the past several years we have stressed the necessity of policyholders being on the alert if excessive tax levies are to be avoided. State taxes on premium income are good examples of "invisible taxes." While they are not paid directly by the policyholder, they, nevertheless, constitute a part of the costs entering into the premium he pays for his insurance. The prosecution of the all-out war will require expenditures far in excess of anything we have ever experienced. We must win the war, but we should use all proper efforts to see that the levy on life insurance dollars be not excessive as mutual life insurance companies are co-operative institutions owned by individuals who are providing their own security for old age and for their dependents in the event of early death.

### TRIENNIAL EXAMINATION

Every three years, your Company, in common with other insurance companies domiciled in Massachusetts, is subject to a complete examination by examiners of the Massachusetts Insurance Department. Such an examination is being made at the present time, the examiners having commenced their work on December 31st.

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The examination includes a complete audit of the books of account and review of the transactions giving rise to the book entries, a physical count of cash and securities, a check of bank balances, a review of the papers in connection with mortgage and real estate transactions, and an examination into the valuation of all assets and liabilities. It also includes a detailed review of the Company's operating policies and practices to see that they comply with the State laws and the Company's charter. This careful supervision is a little known but highly important factor in the remarkable safety of the life insurance policies issued and the carrying out of the guarantees made in them. It is the very highest advantage to private management to have regular periodic examinations of our ways of doing business, accounting practices, and asset structure by the Massachusetts Insurance Department. They bring to bear painstaking care in checking the Company's operations and constitute a guaranty that the policyholders' investment is protected against every hazard.

In addition to the triennial examinations, the Company's Financial Statement is reviewed annually by the insurance departments of the states in which we do business, and the Company's calculation of reserves required to be held for its policies is verified by independent calculation by the Massachusetts Insurance Department, on the basis of which a certificate of correctness of the legal reserve is furnished annually to the Company.

### INDEPENDENT AUDIT

An audit of the Company's affairs by a firm of certified public accountants is also made half-way between the State triennial examinations in order to secure a further additional check upon the Company's condition. Such an independent audit will next be made in the middle of 1943 to serve as a further examination of financial bookkeeping and management.

### SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS

In the annual statement which will be printed in about four weeks, I shall discuss in detail the more important financial phases of the operations of the Company for 1941. For the purposes of this meeting a summary will be given:

#### Investments:

The management of a life insurance company has a primary responsibility to its policyholders to invest the funds of the company and to conduct its affairs so that the company will be able promptly to meet all its contractual obligations to policyholders and beneficiaries when they fall due. Although the past year was one of many achievements, the long drought in interest earnings continued.

Interest rates continued to decline during the year, reaching new all time low levels. Following our entrance into war, a slight strengthening took place, but there is as yet no assurance that interest rates will not remain on a very low basis.



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Under prevailing and prospective economic conditions, it is the prime concern of those acting as trustees over savings which people have made to provide protection to give the greatest weight to safety of principal, with emphasis upon income a secondary though important consideration. In accordance with these principles this Company has concentrated its investment of money within recent years to a steadily increasing degree of United States Government securities, with the result that at the end of 1941 such obligations owned amounted to \$8,710,702 in book value, being equal to over 72% of all securities owned, and representing about 54% of the net admitted assets of the Company.

During the past year alone, United States Government securities owned increased by \$2,348,149, or 36.9%, including an investment of \$50,000 in Series G Defense Savings Bonds, the maximum amount of this type of security which can be subscribed to in any one calendar year. As a result of maturities, redemptions and sales, and the inability to satisfactorily replace those assets with desirable holdings of a similar nature, decreases aggregating \$1,110,281 took place in all other classes of securities. The book value of our securities portfolio now amounts to \$12,053,524, an increase of \$1,390,832 during the year, or over 12%.

Consistent with the Company's emphasis on quality in its investment portfolio, all securities held were subjected to continuous supervision. Numerous sales and exchanges were made to improve quality or, when possible, income, with the result that at the close of the year the Company's investments were largely of a character which should withstand any conceivable contingencies. Only \$77,305, or about four-tenths of one per cent of net admitted assets remained invested in stocks, while Railroad and Public Utility bonds held declined by over 17% and 16% from the previous year.

An indication of the result of the continued downward trend of interest rates and the emphasis upon adding securities of only the highest quality, principally United States Government issues, is the average rate of return of but 1.96% after amortization at which new funds were invested in securities during the year. On the entire invested assets, 3.14% was earned in 1941.

Whatever may be said for any aspect of low interest rates, the fact remains that the savings bank depositor and the life insurance policyholder bear the brunt of the load. Savings earn less and life insurance costs more under such conditions, and the achievement of financial independence is made more difficult for the average citizen.

### **Valuation of Securities:**

Our securities are valued in accordance with the rulings of the convention of Insurance Commissioners. Bonds with a definite date of maturity which are not in default and which are fully secured are carried at amortized values, that is, the value is computed on the basis of yield rate and term to run. Such bonds are 97.5% of our total holdings. Other bonds (1.9% of the total) and the small amount of stocks held, are carried at market values as determined by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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### **Mortgage Loans and Real Estate:**

#### **Mortgages**

The problem of securing first rate mortgage investments continued to be a difficult one during the year 1941. The volume of satisfactory mortgages available for investment was small and the competition among lending institutions was keen. The Company continued its well settled policy of taking mortgages only when the physical security was ample and the borrower showed a high credit standing. Despite the difficulties involved in securing this type of investment, the Company took mortgages during the year in an aggregate amount of \$256,244. The Company's mortgage portfolio now consists of 356 first mortgage loans, representing a principal sum of \$1,477,006. With the exception of 42, these mortgages are entirely on residential properties located in Massachusetts, largely in the Metropolitan area. The Mortgage Loan Account showed a net increase during the year 1941 of \$89,022.

Forty-four mortgages, representing a principal sum of \$205,269, are insured by the Federal Housing Administration. At the close of the year the mortgage portfolio showed an excellent condition of account. Taxes are paid currently, principal payments are made regularly—in most cases on a monthly basis—and an inspection of the properties showed that the owners are maintaining them in good physical condition. For the entire twelve months of 1941 it was found necessary to take into the Real Estate Owned Account only one property.

#### **Real Estate**

In the very important problem of liquidating real estate which the Company has had to acquire in the past by foreclosure, the year 1941 showed the best experience which the Company has ever enjoyed. Sales of real estate owned totalled 51 in number and eliminated from the Real Estate Owned Account the sum of \$343,054. Further, in order that the Company's real estate owned should be carried on an entirely realistic basis, reductions in the figure at which such real estate is carried were effected in the sum of \$174,747. The total eliminated from the real estate owned figure by the two before-mentioned methods was \$517,801. The Company has remaining 88 foreclosed properties, representing a total book value of \$514,722. These properties are entirely residential properties, as the Company owns no industrial or commercial buildings. The properties are all rented and are maintained in good physical condition. The Company anticipates that further substantial progress will be made in liquidating real estate owned during the coming year.

### **Depreciation on Home Office Building:**

In order to take care of depreciation, and that the figure at which the home office building is shown on the Company's books shall reflect current real estate values, the board of directors voted to reduce by the sum of \$50,000, the amount at which the home office building is carried in the Company's assets.

### **Policy Loans:**

As of December 31st, our policy loans totalled \$1,104,965. This is about \$74,000 less than a year ago.

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### **Cash Surrenders:**

Last year we paid out for cash surrender values \$521,113; this was \$112,500 less than was paid out during 1940.

### **Liabilities and Surplus:**

Our liabilities stand at \$15,187,364, of which \$14,519,678 comprise the policyholders' reserve. The laws of Massachusetts and the other states in which the Company does business, provide for and require the accumulation of a reserve for the fulfillment of the policy guarantees. It is computed on an exact mathematical basis of approved mortality tables and compound interest rates prescribed by statute. This "reserve" is the legal guarantee fund, which, with future premiums, insures the payment of our contractual obligations.

Deducting our Company's total liabilities from the total assets leaves our surplus at \$950,380. This does not include the \$54,435 set up as a special real estate reserve.

### **Mortality:**

Next I report on the death claims that were actually incurred and their relationship to the death claims that were expected. It is the task of the Company's actuary to determine the amount of death claims which should be expected or anticipated. In arriving at his conclusions, he considers such factors as the amount of insurance involved, the class of policy, how long the policy has been in force and the age when the person was insured. The Company's records, of course, show the exact amount of death claims paid. It is with great satisfaction that I announce to you that for 1941 the ratio of amount of death claims paid to the amount of death claims that were anticipated was the lowest in the entire history of the Company. This record low ratio applied both to the ordinary and industrial departments, it being 40% of the expected in the former, and 51% of the expected in the latter. The best previous year was in 1940. During the past year the general health in the United States was better than it has been for several years, and there were no epidemics of a serious nature. This naturally resulted in the favorable death rate, but credit for the definite improvement in mortality must also be given to more rigid underwriting practices. The results indicate a more careful initial selection of risks by the agency force and care exercised in selection at the home office.

Diseases of the heart and arteries are the leading causes of death, probably due, in part, to the fact that the average length of life has been increased giving these diseases a greater opportunity to cause death.

The accompanying table shows the number of deaths from various causes, and it will be noticed that organic heart and circulatory diseases account for 44%, or nearly half of the total number of deaths.

### **Dividends:**

What you pay for your life insurance depends chiefly upon two factors: How long you may expect to live, and how much an insurance company can expect to earn on its investments. In spite of the unkind state of the world, life expectancy has improved. But rates of interest have become



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steadily worse. Since 1933 the yield on long-term Treasury Bonds has fallen from an average of 3.31% to 1.84% in the case of tax-exempt issues, and 2.21% in the case of taxable bonds. The yield on Triple A Corporate Bonds has dropped from 4.49% to 2.72%.

Interest earnings from the investment portfolio of all life companies has decreased. The same is true, of course, with all institutions of deposit and with all trust and endowment funds, whether charitable, college, or otherwise, which are conservatively managed with due regard to the absolute safety of the principal sums invested.

In common with many of the mutual companies, the Boston Mutual has made some adjustments in its dividend schedule.

The directors, in November, voted to pay to policyholders as dividends in 1942, a sum in excess of \$194,000. The scale of dividends in 1942 was somewhat less than for the previous year, the reduction being due to the declining rate of interest obtainable on new investments and also to the increased cost of doing business under the present national emergency.

The Boston Mutual, unlike many other companies, did not reduce dividends during the depression years, and the step is taken now only because it is felt that world conditions dictate a more conservative dividend policy than would ordinarily be the case.

### CONCLUSION

This, then, is the record we made last year—a record that should be a source of great satisfaction to every policyholder. We now enter what may prove to be the most important year of the century. The war's impact on life insurance will affect practically all phases of its operations. Unquestionably, the problems for us will multiply many times, yet you may feel confident that the Company will continue to make every effort in the future, as in the past, to serve you intelligently and with fidelity, ever keeping in mind that until the war is won the requirements of the nation take precedence over all other considerations. For all—ahead are problems and sacrifices. It is for us all—policyholders, field, and office personnel—to accept the challenge of the hour. To do our full part in preserving and passing along to our children and to their children a nation secure in its dedication to the principles of freedom upon which it was founded. Our free system must be defended to the death. For once our liberty has been lost, all is lost.

*Jay R. Benton*

*President*



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### Christmas Belles

At Congress and Franklin

December 24, 1941



Our Christmas Party at the Home Office was a happy family gathering and will be pleasantly remembered for a long time to come. At noon the cares of a work-a-day world were laid aside and all gathered in the main office for a half hour of refreshments, a few short impromptu speeches, and several rounds of cheers. At 12:30 all went up to the fourth floor, where it was found that a beautiful stage of blue and chromium had been set up through the courtesy of Jack Caddigan of the Boston Edison Company. For over an hour the audience was thrilled by a musical extravaganza staged by our own talent, headed by the inimitable pantomimist and amateur star, Chester W. Snow. The show was in rehearsal for about three weeks, directed by Judge Leo H. Leary of Clover Club fame, and Everett H. Lane, chairman of the Winthrop School Committee. The Yuletide Fantasy and Hollywood Revue of two acts was entitled "Chester in Dreamland", or "I Should Have Stood in Bed".

The program and those who took part were:

#### ACT ONE

1. *Christmas Carol* - - - - - Ye Mutuelle Caroleers
2. *The Night Before Christmas and Chester*  
By Courtesy of the North Truro Stock Company  
Chester Woodward Snow, Thespian
3. *Chester's Dream:*

#### "The Good Will Hour"

(Characters in the order of appearance)

<i>Mr. Anthony</i> - - - - -	Judge Leo H. Leary
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i> - - - - -	Mr. Everett H. Lane
<i>Script Girl</i> - - - - -	Miss Beatrice C. Cook
<i>Hedy Lamarr</i> - - - - -	Miss Judith Drinkwater
<i>Rochester</i> - - - - -	Mr. Herbert Lane
<i>Brenda and Cobina</i> - -	Misses Mary Ford and Eileen Madden
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	Misses Vera Tully, Mary
	Bell, Edwina Higgins,
<i>The Seven Dwarfs</i> - - - -	< Nanna Sander, Mary Murphy
	Alice Daggett, Mary Savage
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	Soloist: Mary Ford

#### ACT TWO

1. *Chester's Dream (continued on Cool Pillow)*

#### "The Good Will Hour"

<i>Mae West</i> - - - - -	Miss Doris Wagner
<i>The Andrew Sisters</i> - - - - -	Misses Audrey Johnston,
	Mary Murphy, Beatrice
	Cook, Mrs. Lillian Kelso

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### *Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy*

Charlie McCarthy - - - - - Miss Vera Tully  
 Edgar Bergen - - - - - Mr. Walter Benjamin  
 Claudette Colbert - - - - - Miss Beatrice Cook  
 Dorothy Lamour - - - - - Miss Mary Bell

### 2. *Chester Awakes* - - - - - Chester Woodward Snow

By Courtesy Melrose Stock Company

(Time: You Guessed It - Christmas Morning)

### 3. *Christmas Carol* - - - - - Ye Mutuelle Caroleers

### 4. *Finale* - - - - - Entire Company

#### *Ye Mutuelle Caroleers*

Lillian Chiampa	Helen Montgomery	Dorothy Murphy
Louise Schoefer	Eleanor Mills	Lillian Kelso
Ethel Johnson	Julia Burnett	Elizabeth Hinckley
	Beatrice Cook	

*Musical Score and Direction* - - - - Miss Dorothy Doroff

*Choreography* - - - - - Mrs. Julia Burnett

*Stage Manager* - - - - - Miss Beatrice C. Cook

Sound effects all afternoon by Martin C. O'Leary

The lyrics of Theme Song by Courtney G. Newman

The Music for the Show was by Russ Randolph's Gold Coast Orchestra.

Directly after the performance, Santa Claus (Lorne J. Peters) arrived and distributed presents from the Christmas Tree. Then a collation was served on the third floor by the H. J. Seiler Company, with the following menu:

Assorted Mints	Fancy Sandwiches	Salted Nuts
Chicken Salad Bouche Rolls	Lobster Salad Bouche Rolls	
Watercress Spread with Graham Bread		
Nut Bread and Butter	Emince of Tongue with White Bread	
Chopped Egg, Olive, Sardine with Graham Bread		
Decorated Round Melon Moulds of Raspberry Sherbet-Macaroon Ice Cream		
Assorted Fancy Cakes	Coffee	

Dancing to the music of the Gold Coast Orchestra brought our Christmas Celebration to a triumphant conclusion. Those who planned the party and those who carried out the assignments received the plaudits of everybody for arranging a perfect start for the Christmas holidays. The official Committees were as follows:

#### *Technical Adviser*

Judge Leo H. Leary

#### *General Chairman*

Everett H. Lane

#### *Associate Chairmen*

Beatrice C. Cook

Ernest T. Skinner

Courtney G. Newman

Mrs. Julia Burnett

#### *Decorations Committee*

Courtney G. Newman, Chairman - *Maintenance Dept.*

Helen Montgomery - *Real Estate Dept.*

Nanna Sander - *Bookkeeping Dept.*

Helen Hunter - *Loan Dept.*

#### *Entertainment Committee*

Julia Burnett, Chairman - *Agency Dept.*

Vera Tully - *Actuarial Dept.*

Mary Ford - *Policy Dept.*

Doris Wagner - *Auditor's Dept.*

Virginia Garabedian - *Claim Dept.*

Dorothea Trainor - *Agency Dept.*

Judith Drinkwater - *Medical Dept.*

#### *Santa Claus Pack Committee*

Mary Murphy - *Cashier's Dept.*

Eleanor Mills - *Ordinary Dept.*

#### *Santa Claus Committee*

#### *Music Committee*

Virginia Garabedian - *Claim Dept.*

Dorothy Doroff - *Policy Dept.*

Thanks to Miss Maude Stimpson of the Cashier's Department who drew the front cover for the program.

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## WHAT IS FREEDOM?

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"Freedom Is Made of Simple Stuff." Those were the words Mr. Louisville read when he turned eagerly to the leading article on the editorial page of the "Courier-Journal". By the time Mr. Louisville had reached the fourth brief paragraph of the editorial, he was sitting up straight at the breakfast table and was breathing a little faster; and when he finished the article, the chances are that before he read the next one, he interrupted Mrs. Louisville's scrutiny of the second section of the paper and told her she must not overlook that editorial. Downtown, hundreds spoke of "Freedom Is Made of Simple Stuff". Someone read it over Station WLW. Scarcely had the reading ended before the telephone began to bring requests for copies. Other papers reprinted it. Over a CBS chain, it was given a dramatic reading. Here in Richmond the other day it prefaced the analysis of the war news at 12:15 P.M.—and swamped the telephone exchange of WRNL.

Who wrote the article? Everybody wanted to know that. The answer went back five or six years to Berea College, Kentucky, where a clear-eyed, slim girl by the name of Hazel Parker was struggling to make her way through school. Then the answer switched to the home of a guardian-angel aunt in North Carolina, and then, by much sacrifice, to the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia University, where Hazel was graduated. Along that difficult trail, she earned the greater part of her expenses, and when she was ready for work, she sought a reporter's job on the "Courier-Journal" and got it.

Hazel just was learning the A-B-C's of a girl reporter's routine on that paper when she slipped off one morning and wrote a page of copy in the hope that it might "rate" the columnists' and feature page opposite the editorial. Probably the most surprised girl in Louisville the next morning was Hazel Parker. After looking long and vainly for her little piece on the page where she expected to find it, she discovered it as the leading editorial. The first time she had written anything on the "Courier-Journal" that resembled an editorial, she had taken first place on the page—she, a newly hatched reporter, a matter-of-fact girl of 22. Less surprised than Hazel Parker were those who knew her best. They had seen in her gray eyes, in her firm mouth, in the lift of her head, in the wisdom of her smile something of the fight she had made and of the freedom which, from simple things, she had won for herself.

Here is what she wrote. We say everything about it that we have to say, before we reprint it, because, when it is read, there's nothing else to say that would not mar it:

### FREEDOM IS MADE OF SIMPLE STUFF

"From the archives of broken peace we are bringing out old words and dusting them off for use again as shining lanterns to lead us through the darkness of another war.

"Words like freedom, justice and truth — all of them hard to define, none of them used more frequently than freedom.

"You cannot say what freedom is, perhaps, in a single sentence. It is not necessary to define it. It is enough to point to it.

"Freedom is a man lifting a gate latch at dusk and sitting for a while on the porch, smoking his pipe, before he goes to bed.

"It is the violence of an argument outside an election poll; it is the righteous anger of the pulpits.

"It is the warm laughter of a girl on a park bench.

"It is the rush of a train over the continent and the unafraid faces of people looking out the windows.

"It is all the howdys in the world, and all the hellos.

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### WHAT IS FREEDOM? (Continued)

"It is Westbrook Pegler telling Roosevelt how to raise his children; it is Roosevelt letting them raise themselves.

"It is you trying to remember the words to The Star-Spangled Banner.

"It is the sea breaking on wide sands somewhere and the shoulders of a mountain supporting the sky.

"It is the air you will fill your lungs with and the dirt that is your garden.

"It is a man cursing all cops.

"It is the absence of apprehension at the sound of approaching footsteps outside your closed door.

"It is your hot resentment of intrigue, the tilt of your chin and the tightening of your lips sometimes.

"It is all the things you do and want to keep on doing.

"It is all the things you feel and cannot help feeling.

"FREEDOM—IT IS YOU."

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#### A Tribute to the Memory of Thomas A. Cahill

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On December 17, 1941, Thomas A. Cahill, Superintendent of the Fall River District office of this Company, passed away

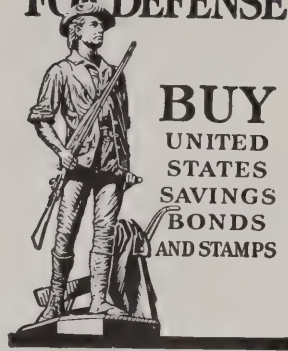
after suffering from a heart ailment for several months.

Mr. Cahill was born in Fall River, August 29, 1875 and left school at an early age to work in cotton mills. He engaged in business for himself as a salesman for various products and in 1907 became connected with the Boston Mutual as an agent. In 1910 he resigned from this Company and went to work for the Prudential Life Insurance Company as agent and assistant superintendent, returning to the Boston Mutual as an agent in 1915.

In 1916 Mr. Cahill was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the Fall River District under the then Superintendent, George K. Braley, and on August 11, 1923 was appointed Superintendent of the Taunton District office. On October 8, 1924 he was transferred to the position of Superintendent of the Fall River District office which position he occupied continuously until his death.

Mr. Cahill's special hobby was the raising of carrier pigeons and he took great pleasure in his Summer residence at Tiverton, Rhode Island, where he spent many happy hours. He was a loyal Boston Mutual man, faithful in the performance of his duties, and had the respect of his fellow-employees and of a host of other friends.

## FOR DEFENSE



## ON TO VICTORY!

Supt. John F. Brennan's  
Patriotic Song



Superintendent John F. Brennan of the Lawrence District stole the show at the Annual Luncheon held at the Boston Chamber of Commerce, January 28th, when he stood up at the head table and sang his own original Composition entitled "Song of Victory".

He expressed what is in the minds of us all. Every minute, every hour, every day must be directed toward the defense of our freedom. With every penny, every dime, every dollar we can spare, we must back the boys in the fighting forces. Here is how Supt. Brennan said it in his song.

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*America will remember the Seventh of December  
In the year Nineteen Hundred Forty-One;  
As the day was dawning, without a word of warning,  
We awoke to find out what the Japs had done.*

### *Chorus*

*We'll ne'er forget the stand made on Wake Island,  
By those brave fighting Marines,  
And the bonds that we are buying, will keep our boys  
a-flying,  
'Til we bring back the Phillipines.  
While the ocean is wavy, just watch our Navy  
As they sail o'er the sea,  
While the road will be harder, we'll remember Pearl Harbor,  
And we'll fight 'til we bring home Victory.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 16, 1942

My dear Mr. Brennan:

Your letter of January ninth to the President has been received and you may be sure that your courtesy in giving us an opportunity to see the copy of your song which you enclosed is appreciated. I am sorry that it is not possible to do as you ask, as this office can make no comments or suggestions regarding the merits of the many musical and literary compositions brought to its attention. I am sure you will understand.

The President is heartened by your kind words of approval regarding his Message to the Congress.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) M. H. McIntyre  
Secretary to the President

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IN THE NEWS

We wonder why Agent D. Welsh of the Manchester District makes such a mad rush to be home at 6:45 Friday evenings to tune in to station WMUR and listen to a certain songbird commence her program singing "Because of You." All we know is that she is a pretty blonde and is still single, and that Agent Welsh is usually late on Saturday mornings.

Agents of the Manchester District were rather curious to find out who was to be the recipient of the beautiful diamond solitaire that Agent W. Wagner had purchased shortly before Christmas. Our suspense was over when on Christmas Day the engagement of Miss Regina Firth of Manchester was announced to Agent Wagner. Best wishes to Regina.

Democrat-L. P. Gauthier, an Agent in the Manchester District has been elected Selectman in Ward 13 over his Republican opponents. At the same time Agent H. Wehr was elected Selectman of Ward 7 on the Republican ticket. Some politicians - these agents in Manchester.

Agent H. Wehr has recently tendered his resignation to the Manchester District in order to accept a Civil Service Appointment at the Boston Navy Yard. Best wishes for success, Mr. Wehr.

On January 2nd, the Boston Agency started a voluntary Defence Deduction Plan for the duration of the War and has already distributed twelve defense bonds to its members.

Mrs. Ann R. O'Meara, former cashier of the Boston District Office, was presented with a beautiful vanity set by the Boston Staff at the time of her resignation, Saturday, February 14th.

## IN THE NEWS



### Items of Interest about the Field and the Home Office



Miss Mary E. Leahy recently joined the ranks of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company as the telephone operator. Welcome, Mary!

Captain Greig, our Auditor, who has been ill for some time, is becoming a more frequent visitor at the Home Office. The day of the Annual Meeting he was present and was greeted very heartily by his many friends and acquaintances whom, due to his illness, he has not seen for many months. He is looking fine and is feeling better all the time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lilly, formerly of the Bookkeeping Department, is the proud mother of a baby girl "Christine" Born November 25th.

Miss Elizabeth Steward of Melrose has been added to the staff of the Ordinary Department.

Miss Mary Holland, of the Cashier's Department is spending her vacation at Fort McClellan, Alabama, enjoying camp life and ending up by attending the military wedding of her cousin, a 2nd Lt. in the nurses Corp, to Captain Bill Byrne, on February 14th.

Mrs. Marcella Daley, formerly of the Medical Department, is the proud mother of a baby boy, born November 16th.

Congratulations are in order for Judy Drinkwater, who will be married on the 15th of February, after which a trip to West Palm Beach is planned.

Mrs. Eleanora (Woodis) Mills, recent bride of Corporal George Mills, U. S. M. R. was greatly surprised Monday evening, February 2nd, by a bridal shower. Dinner was served at the Alpine

Miss Ellen Furber is wearing a very attractive diamond ring, which means that she, too, has joined the ranks of prospective brides.

The local chapter of the Red Cross has added 3 new members to its ranks . . . the Misses Anna Spencer, Hazel Fleming and Dorothy Doroff, who are knitting helmets for the Navy. The only question now is whether or not they will be completed before the War is over.

Miss Mary Ford, now a student at the Curry School of Expression, will be featured in 3 one-act plays, to be presented at the School. Lana Turner, watch out!

Miss Eileen Madden has been the recipient of several letters from a loyal son of England, on convoy duty. In spite of rigid censorship, Eileen seems to know what he means.

The Policy Dept. has added a new girl to its force, in the person of Miss Florence Butt of Everett. We hope you like being with us, Florence!

Alice Mahar of the Bookkeeping Department received a very beautiful diamond for Christmas.

Eileen Franson of the Bookkeeping Department, became the bride of Richard Hayes of Revere, September 17th. Tall light and handsome.

Nana Sander of the Bookkeeping Department, received a very lovely hope-chest for Christmas.

Mary Savage of the Bookkeeping Department, became the bride of Harold McMahon of Newton, January 1st.

Anna Colosi of Everett, and Lillian MacInnis of Everett have joined the staff of the Bookkeeping Department.

Every Sunday night that there's skating at the Boston Arena, Louise (Skatey) Schoefer of the Ordinary Department can be found there. She is a great skating enthusiast and goes every chance she gets.

## THE LIVE WIRE

### IN THE NEWS

The Providence District has had a streak of leg injuries during the winter months started off by Assistant R. Krovitz's dog bite. Then came Agent Sam Wishnevsky's fall up a flight of stairs. Finally, Agent Larry Barone slipped on an icy door step. Maybe we need hob-nail shoes.

What Superintendent had the office room number removed from his door because it contained the number 13? Careful! Do not walk under a ladder Mr. A. White!

On October 31, Superintendent A. F. White of the Providence district received a very pleasant birthday message informing him that his daughter Carole was the winner of the \$25 cash drawing offered by the St. Alexis Charity Club of Boston.

Assistant O. Ventola of the Malden district is doing A. R. P. duty as a Warden in his home town, Revere.

Agent Albert Hadian of the Malden Office enlisted in the Air Corps of the United States Army and was given a send-off by his fellow workers before he left on January 24.

Superintendent W. H. Farrell is being kept busy these days. On the first of January he took office as President of the Malden Kiwanis Club, on which occasion he was presented with a bouquet from his office. He is also serving as a Warden in the A. R. P. at the Malden report center.

There is always something doing on Assistant M. Bell's Staff—while Agent H. Blaustein is awaiting the call to the colors, Agent Castriano, whom we recently welcomed to the office, is awaiting the call of the Stork.

Agent F. McElroy of Allston is sending out an S. O. S. for men to join his Needham Air Raid Wardens. Call him at the Allston Office.

Agent M. Lefkovith, came within an ace of leading the Allston District for industrial increase for 1941 in spite of the fact that he only received his license in August. Just watch him when he has a complete year.

Agent "Bill" Dolan is determined to make 1942 his best year and there is a very good "little" reason behind his determination.

Agents J. Franklin, M. Lefkovith, and H. Blaustein all made car purchases in the same week. A sort of epidemic hit this District. Hurray!!! for prosperity. . . .

On the evening of January 7, the Fitchburg District held a Ladies' Night Party at Sterling Inn, Sterling, Mass. Mr. W. H. Moody and Mr. L. J. Peters were guests of honor, as were Agent T. Grant McGuirk and his recent bride. Agent McGuirk left a few days later to help Uncle Sam slap the Japs. A swell time was enjoyed by all, including the ladies.

Agent "Bob" Yates who placed better than \$40,000 of Ordinary in 1941 has a substantial side bet with Agent Leo Glickman who placed over \$50,000 in 1941, concerning their 1942 production. Yates says he can take Glickman's measure while standing on his head, and Glickman says he'll win without even working up a sweat. Well, go to it, boys, when the pay checks are counted up you'll both be winners.

Fitchburg welcomes three new agents to their fold, Arthur Deery, Joseph Bodo and Spencer Tandy. Best of luck, boys, but you'll have to step lively to keep up to your fast stepping co-workers.

Agent "Bob" Heins, due to his nice work the past year on debit 654, has been promoted to debit 656, a much larger debit. We expect you to really go to town this year, Bob.

"Mike" Siciliano at 57 seems to be getting younger every day. He had one of his best years in 1941, and says that's nothing to what he expects to do in 1942.

Tire rationing may have some of you fellows scared, but not Agent Owen Butler, the Orange Oracle. He is six months ahead of the war situation and has his trusty bike all oiled up and ready to take over in case he can't get tires for his car. Let 'em laugh, Owen; he who laughs last, etc.

Agent T. Seeley says the reason he is so quiet around the office is because he does his talking in prospects' homes.

Agent "Jimmy" Picone, who raked up \$36.00 of industrial increase in six months ending December 31 is getting set for a big drive this year. "That was good practice," says Jim, "Now I think I'll really go to work!"

The Annual Christmas Party of the Lynn District was held at Middleton Arms on Thursday evening, December 18th.



## THE LIVE WIRE

### IN THE NEWS

Dr. Harry M. Lowd, Jr., who was recently appointed as a medical examiner in the Lynn District, is now on active duty with the U. S. Navy aboard a destroyer as Medical Officer.

On Thursday evening, January 15th, the Lynn District held a going away party in honor of Agent Mario Forte who enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserves and reports for active duty, Monday, January 19th. Mr. Forte was extended the best wishes of the entire personnel and presented with a sum of money.

On December 11, the Greenfield District celebrated their annual Christmas Party at the Mansion House. All members of the District and their wives were present. After a very nice banquet the prize of a fountain pen and a Military Centerpiece went to Agent Walter L. Clark who will soon join the Army. The party was a very successful event and everyone is looking forward to the next get-together.

At the Christmas Party given by the P. T. A. of the Piece Street School, Agent Carl C. Jordan had to decline the honor of playing "Santa Claus" because he could not squeeze his "240 pounds" into the Santa Claus suit.

Assistant Earle J. Lockhart was initiated into the Greenfield Lions Club on January 6.

The Greenfield District is well represented in the National Defense Program. Superintendent T. C. Boylan has been named Sergeant in the Auxiliary Police Force. Assistant E. J. Lockhart has joined the Civil Air Patrol and Cashier Marian Sullivan is taking a course in First Aid.

Bump-Bump-Bump—What's that? Only Agent Eugene Wissman of the Greenfield District falling down a flight of stairs—glad to report no serious injuries.

Mr. T. J. McAndrew, Superintendent of the Fall River office, was pleasantly surprised on the evening of January 15th. The men of the Taunton district called at his office at 4:30 P.M. and escorted him to the Eagle Restaurant where a banquet was prepared in his honor. Mr. McAndrew had been Superintendent of the Taunton office for the past fifteen years, and as a remembrance of his pleasant association was presented with an electric clock with the best wishes for his continued success in the Fall River office. Mr. McAndrew's congenial disposition and cheerful spirit will be greatly missed by all who were in contact with him the past fifteen years.

Agent Manuel Souza is the proud father of a girl born December 22nd, named Lorraine; this makes a boy and girl to carry on the family name.

On January 9th, the Fall River District gives one more of her agents to Uncle Sam. Agent Harold R. Bannister is to be inducted on that date. He was tendered a farewell party at the Hi-Way Casino, December 30, by the agency force and presented with a suitable gift for his new occupation.

The Fall River office is indeed fortunate and happy to receive as its head, Mr. Thomas J. McAndrew, formerly of the Taunton office. The personnel acting as a body presented the new Superintendent with a desk set as a greeting and expression of the intention that their fine record shall continue, to assure Mr. McAndrew's success in the Fall River District.

Agent James T. Ferris was reintroduced to the Debit in Fall River after serving eight months in the military selective service. His physical discharge gave him the opportunity to return to the Company's service.

Lowell celebrated this year with a Christmas tree and Morning Party.

After the boys had cashed in and were ready to leave, "the college groupe" C. McCabe and J. Drury, ventured forth with the makings for Christmas.

Gifts were placed under the tree which was very elaborately decorated—about 5 bulbs and tinsel—all last year's cast offs from Charlie McCabe's house, who by the by, expected to do his own tree in blue.

Agent "Eddie" Blinkhorn, our big-time producer, came forth clad as "old Nick" and wished each and every one a very gala Yuletide and then proceeded to distribute the presents.

Then the boys distributed gifts among themselves. Agent "Jack" Manning always wanted to be a cop, so they gave him the equipment—handcuffs and a whistle. Agent "Bill" Brown is always monkeying around so he got tools. Agent L. Carl Braun, just married, was given a one-handed rolling pin.

## THE LIVE WIRE

### IN THE NEWS

Assistant Sawyer of the Lewiston District recently became a member of the Lewiston and Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Assistant V. B. Lagueux of the Lewiston District is a very active member of the Lewiston and Auburn Junior Chamber of Commerce, being on the Committee for the Valentine Dance held in the Blue Room of the Dewitt Hotel on February 14th.

Agent William Kenney of Lewiston, who has served this company as an agent for over ten years, celebrated his birthday on Valentine's day.

Agent John Gula after going to Palmer, Mass. every week-end for some time is faced with the problem of tire rationing and is going to remedy it by bringing his sweet-heart to Quincy this spring—we hope.

Agent O. James Ottina, of the Quincy District, will celebrate his first wedding anniversary the 22nd of February.

The Quincy District reorganized the 100% Club after being dormant for one year. The officers of the club are as follows: Agents J. Michael Mogan, President; Arthur Purchas, Secretary; Edward Walsh, Treasurer.

Asst. F. Gordon Smith of the Quincy District is still enjoying the honor of being the best dressed (and best booking) insurance man on the South Shore. So say the ladies.

Quincy boasts of their two cashiers, Miss Audrey Perkins, and Miss Muriel McLaughlin. Always pleasant, always smiling, and very courteous to the Agency Force as well as to the policy holders.

Besides his strenuous duties at the Quincy Office trying to get his productions up to standard, Supt. A. H. McLellan has time to devote some of his spare time as an Air Raid Warden which makes the Quincy Force feel protected and at ease at all times.

The Haverhill District was glad to extend a hearty welcome to Asst. Norbert J. Kinsella recently promoted from the Lawrence District. He is a live wire and has a program for his staff that they have accepted gladly.

Agent Irwin Dunbar of the Brockton District has enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He is at present stationed in New York City and helped to fight the fire on the *Lafayette*, formerly the French ship *Normandie*.

We extend our congratulations to Miss Margaret M. Carrigan, cashier at Worcester, who on March 16th will have completed six years of service with the Company, during which time she has given the Company courteous and efficient service.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Anna Wood, wife of agent Murray Wood at Worcester, has been discharged from the hospital and is now convalescing at her home after a severe case of pneumonia.

Agent Joseph Korona of New Bedford had a very successful year, financially, so he is thinking about taking a wife. He says that it is cheaper for two to live, than one.

Jason Barnard has recently resigned his position with the Shapiro Sales Motor Company of North Adams and has become associated with this Company as Agent in the Adams Debit.

Alfred Wilson's application for employment with this Company has been approved and Mr. Wilson has now joined the ranks of the Company as an Agent on the Vermont Debit.

A son was born to Superintendent and Mrs. C. B. Powers at the North Adams Hospital on February 6th.

Mr. Donald S. Roach, former Assistant Superintendent in the Springfield District, has been transferred to the North Adams office to fill the assistancy made vacant by the death of former Assistant Peter A. D'Amico, who was a member of the Boston Mutual Family for eleven years.

A colorful Armistice Day wedding was held when Theresa Turcone became the bride of Agent Henry DeMatteis of the Providence District. The couple spent their honeymoon in New Jersey.

At the annual convention of Alpha Epsilon Pi, (national college fraternity), held in Boston on December 29, at the Hotel Statler, Assistant Robert W. Krovitz of the Providence District was elected Chairman of the New England Regional Committee.

Agent B. Consiglio has joined the Providence Daddy's Club. He is the proud father of a baby girl—Bernice.



## THE LIVE WIRE

### IN THE NEWS

On January 17th, Mrs. Catherine Caggiano (Kitty Regan), former telephone operator, gave birth to a baby girl. Congratulations! Mr. and Mrs. Caggiano.

On January 31st, Miss Dorothea Trainor of the Agency Department and former telephone operator, was married to Mr. Joseph Rochford. The ceremony took place at the Sacred Heart Church in Roslindale. Best wishes to you, Dorothea!

Miss Vera Tully's marriage was scheduled for Feb. 14th, but was moved forward to Jan. 17th, as the groom left with Company L for parts unknown on Jan. 19. As Mrs. Isaac C. Day she is back at work in the Actuarial Department.

Miss Mary Bell of the Actuarial Department commences work on February 11th with the Ordinance Department of the U. S. Government. We all wish her the best of luck.

Mrs. Dorothy Kelley, of the Executive Department, left the employ of the Company on December 20th, to take over household duties. Mrs. Kelley has been with us a long time, and it is her gain but our loss that she should decide to do this. We shall miss her.

Mrs. Kelley's place is being taken by Mrs. Mary McInnis.

Miss Harriet Chandler and Miss Anna Wyatt have recently joined the ranks of the Executive Department.

Former President Herbert O. Edgerton and Mrs. Edgerton are at St. Petersburg, Florida, for several weeks. Mr. Edgerton has successfully overcome a series of physical set-backs, we are pleased to state.

Jay R. Benton, President, spoke to the student body at Phillips Exeter Academy on January 22nd.

Director Frank L. Richardson has been re-elected president of the Newton Hospital.

General Counsel Damon E. Hall and Mrs. Hal. spent two weeks in Florida the first part of February.

The Pawtucket agency will hold a farewell party on February 17th. at the Fore and Aft Club in Warren, in honor of agent Bob Hannaway, who is being inducted into the Army in the near future. At that time, Bob will be presented with a Schaeffer pen and pencil set. Bob is one of the most likeable men in the office and we all hate to see him go.

(Shades of Shakespeare) Agent Stanley V. Madejowski is the author of a couple of literary gems recently appearing in the local papers and he also plays a leading role in a local Glee Club. What - - - no acrobatics, Stanley?

Agent George Dessault has been notified that he is 1-A in the eyes of Uncle Sam and to hold himself in readiness. George says that after the practice he has had battling arrears, the Japs should be easy.

Stanley Wojtkiewicz one of the key men of the Framingham District has resigned to enter National Defense Work.

Mr. and Mrs. William Macmillan announce the arrival of William Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dow are receiving congratulations on the arrival of Nancy Lee.

We regret to announce that Assistant E. Bodoff of the Taunton District is laid up at his home with a fractured knee. He was injured several weeks ago when his automobile skidded on an icy street and crashed into a stone wall. Mr. Bodoff was recently promoted to Assistant Supt. from the Woonsocket District where he was a leading agent for three years. He had only been on his new job a few weeks when the accident happened. We wish Mr. Bodoff a speedy recovery.

In a last minute spurt four agents of the Woonsocket District placed enough Ordinary business to qualify for the Ordinary Clubs. Agent E. Bodoff (now Assistant Supt. in the Taunton District) made the \$50,000 Club and Agents G. Gelatt, J. Dumais and G. Boucher made the \$25,000 Club. The rest of the boys no doubt will envy them when the bonus checks and Ordinary Club buttons are passed out very soon. Why not make it 100% from Woonsocket for 1942. Our slogan is "Keep'em Buying".

Assistant M. Coyne of Dorchester District has recently returned to work after a bad case of Ginger-itis.



## THE LIVE WIRE

### IN THE NEWS

From the boys to Mr. J. E. Cote came a shirt; to the cashiers, blouses; to the assistants, shirts from their staffs, and vice versa.

Agent Charles McCabe said he wanted to choo, so he got a choo-choo train, and also a drum.

Then Agent "Kenny" Bean, who would like to beat the world, got his little beater and bowl. Our little "Chubby", Joe Dooley, got an entrancing statue—and how! The imitation of the bomber plane was effectively given by Agents Drury and Braun.

Jack Drury claims he has flat feet, so to tell them apart he got a blue sock and a brown sock.

Manny "Sax" Bettencourt will have to change his name to "fife."

Eddie "Santa skinny" Blinkhorn seems to have good luck with cars so they gave him a "racer."

The boys ended their party with the "Spirit of '76", Agents Blinkhorn, McCabe and Drury being the spirits.

Arrangements were under the capable direction of Agents Bettencourt, McCabe and Drury.

On a recent day Agent John Parsons, of Holyoke, drove up to a policyholder's home to find the lady trying to drive an escaped pig back into its yard.

John willingly helped and had the pig nearly back where it belonged, when as a last bid for freedom it started in John's general direction. The pig and its skin (pig-skin) went right through the uprights which happened to be John's two legs. John was thrown for a loss, the loss of a pressed suit and his weekly collection.

Congratulations and good luck to Agent D. Lizotte of the Holyoke District, upon his recent marriage. The Holyoke District is expecting a big increase from Agent Lizotte, as he will soon find out that two cannot live as cheaply as one.

On December 5th, the Boston Agency held its Annual Banquet at the Hotel Essex (Parlor Room). Invited guests present were President J. R. Benton, Superintendent of Agencies, W. H. Moody, Assistant Superintendent of Agencies, L. J. Peters, and Superintendents A. F. White of the Providence District and E. E. Mackay of the Cambridge District. During the dinner the talented trio, Agents J. Croke, C. Karam and E. Con- vicer, entertained the gathering with a few Irish Ballads. Later in the evening the entire staff enjoyed the show at the Old Howard Theatre, where "Bozo" Snyder was not as funny as usual; nevertheless, a good time was had by all.

The Boston District regrets to lose the capable services of Mrs. Ann R. O'Meara, who on her physician's orders, tendered her resignation to take effect on February 14. However, in her place we are fortunate in having Miss Anna G. Toomey, former Assistant Cashier in the Chelsea District.

Agent Charles Kalafatis, after 5 years of loyal service with the Boston District, joined the U. S. Navy on January 16. "Ship Ahoy—Charlie."

On November 3rd, Mrs. Joseph Bumbaca presented her husband Joseph Bumbaca of Boston, with a baby boy, making it an even half dozen. Nice going Joe!

Win or lose, the staff of Boston will tender Superintendent J. White and his four capable assistants, with their wives and girl-friends, a banquet at some night club upon the conclusion of our President's contest.

Assistant A. Giacozanzio of Boston was sworn in as an Air-Warden in Division 16. Nothing to be afraid of now!

Agent O. Weiss of Boston was sworn in as an Auxiliary Policeman.

Congratulations to Agent B. Marnoy on his 20th Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs. S. Jacobs, cashier in the Chelsea office, has been on a leave of absence for five weeks and is now back on the job in Chelsea. She visited New York and Springfield, Mass. and has been rejuvenated and looks much better from the experiences of her rest.

The Agency Force of the Waltham District extends their sympathy to Assistant Gregory Yacobian who has recently lost his father.

Agent Louis Battaglia passed cigars around the Chelsea office, the proud father of a boy.

Chelsea is about to lose one of its medical examiners, Dr. Charles Cataldo, who has been ordered to report to active duty as major with the Boston City Hospital Unit.

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## THE LIVE WIRE

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### IN THE NEWS

Miss Margaret T. Bernard is the new Assistant Cashier in the Chelsea district.

Agent Samuel Hartley of the Waltham District accomplished an unusual feat in completing the year 1941 with no arrears. Mr. Hartley was a special guest of Mr. Benton's at the Annual Luncheon. He has been with the Company 36 years.

Charles H. Cox, husband of Cashier Marian A. Cox of the Waltham District, has joined the Naval Reserve.

There is nothing "backward" about Agent John "Forward." He had foresight enough to trade his car just before the ban was put on new cars. He is now sporting a big new Buick. Collections on his debit have also gone "forward" since the trade.

Agent Paul Delasco was a little too "backward." He was "jockeying" around to trade cars, but jockeyed too long. The night he decided to trade, he was blinded by the lights on an approaching car, sideswiped another car and, when all was over, he had nothing to jockey with. He is now sporting a "new" 1937 Chevie.

On February 7, Miss Mary Shea, Assistant Cashier of our Springfield District, became the bride of Mr. Charles McKendrick. Best wishes to the happy couple!

On January 18, First Class Private Robert Picard, former Assistant at the Springfield office, was seriously injured when the U. S. Bomber of which he was a member of the crew, crashed against a New Hampshire Mountain. The pilot and two other members of the crew were killed. Private Picard managed to drag himself from the plane before it exploded. He was taken down the mountain several hours later on a stretcher. Several of the men from the Springfield office went to the Military Hospital at Manchester, N. H., on Sunday February 1st, to see Private Picard and found him suffering a great deal from a broken leg and severe internal injuries.

In spite of his pain, Private Picard was very glad to see the boys from the office and expressed the hope that they would come again and would write often and send along all their magazines as reading matter is very welcome.

The Lawrence District joins in wishing good luck and every success for Mr. Norbert J. Kinsella, who was recently promoted from agent in Lawrence to Assistant Superintendent in the Haverhill District. Lawrence's loss is Haverhill's gain.

Our genial Superintendent, Mr. J. J. Quinn, was host to the Quota Club Members on January 21st. The boys who could have made this, but didn't, sure missed a great day. After viewing the current hit "My Sister, Eileen" from the best seats in the house, the lucky ones were next treated to the best that money could buy at "Perroni's." It is this observer's opinion that anyone making this "junkt" once, should never miss thereafter.

Incidentally, that wasn't a riot at the Hotel Bradford,—it was only "Marty" Dupray and "Jive" fighting over which way Mack should wear his new fedora.

"Marty" Dupray, who looks like a great contribution to "Boston Mutual" broke loose in all his fury and presented his sweetheart with a sparkler. Lots of luck, Marty, and we hope the big day is not too far distant.

It is our humble opinion that America would be better off if it had a few more "Alvin Andersons." Andy's the type that is always ready to help and it doesn't matter from which side the aid is asked—he is always willing to lend a hand.

If you could believe Agent Tom Vasile, the reason his C. B. B. is always correct is that the latest addition to his family has taken over. Fathers who have children like that should have more.

We believe it would take a combination of Hurricane, New England blizzard and flood to keep the genial "Mike" Shinnick from our Wednesday Morning Meeting. "Mike" has not lost any of the zip that carried him to the top in the Boston Mutual. We would settle right now for his pep at half his age.

Once again, any Salem Agent missing the Quota Club outing is missing a great treat. Let's all make it by March 31st. If we had all 13 agents together at one time, there is no telling how much fun we might have.

The Allen Staff in Gloucester welcomes Mr. Irving Miller as a new comer and according to his two weeks of production, we are positive he will be an outstanding leader in the field force of the Company.

Agent Ambrose Orlando, the popular Rudy Vallee of the Gloucester Staff, toots a mean Sax (and we mean good).

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THE LIVE WIRE

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## BRILLIANT PERFORMERS

### BOSTON MUTUAL CHAMPIONS FOR 1941



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#### THE LEADING DISTRICT

Ordinary (Increase)

PROVIDENCE

Supt. Ambrose F. White

Industrial

NEW BEDFORD

Supt. Harry W. Porter

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#### THE LEADING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ordinary (Paid-for)

ROBERT W. KROVITZ - Providence

Industrial

MANUEL V. CORDEIRO - Fall River

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#### THE LEADING AGENT

Ordinary (Paid-for)

JOSEPH C. McINERNEY - Lowell

Industrial

MAX STEIN - Lynn

Collections

Naseen S. Eirouth  
Roslindale

Advances

Clifford Hannaford  
Portland

Arrears

Joaquim A. Vasconcelos  
Fall River

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#### IN THE NEWS

The boys of the Roslindale District had quite a time at a buffet supper party held in their office Christmas week. The office was fittingly decorated for the occasion and lunch seemed much more palatable with the atmosphere of candle light.

Embued with great patriotism, these boys have discontinued their local entertainment dues and are now buying "Defense stamps" with the money. - - Good boys.

The Dorchester District is pleased to announce a new addition to its office staff in the person of Miss Marion Murray, Assistant Cashier. Miss Murray replaces Mrs. Mary Kerrigan, who resigned following her recent marriage.

Private "Gus" Sullivan, the first member of the Dorchester Agency to go to work for Uncle Sam on the military front, never gets a leave of absence without calling in to see Superintendent T. Burgess and the boys.

Agent M. Blonder of the Dorchester District is a member of the State Guard. He was called out for duty during the emergency when war was declared, but had a wonderful week both in collections and production, although he was on guard duty along the water front in South Boston three nights during that week. How those dogs must have barked, Maurice!

The Dorchester Agency welcomes to the fold its newest member - - Agent Louis Kurland.

Agents P. Cosma and G. McLaughlin are now members of the "Y". They are taking exercises in calisthenics in order to be in trim to walk their debits when the present supply of tires gives out.



## THE LIVE WIRE

### DISTRICTS RELATIVE STANDING For Ordinary and Industrial Combined Increase For the Year of 1941

VOLUME			AVERAGE PER MAN		
1	Providence	18	Portland	1	Providence
2	Fall River	19	Salem	2	Roslindale
3	Boston	20	Lewiston	3	New Bedford
4	Dorchester	21	Lowell	4	Quincy
5	Springfield	22	Holyoke	5	Framingham
6	New Bedford	23	Pittsfield	6	Fitchburg
7	Worcester	24	Allston	7	Worcester
8	Framingham	25	Brockton	8	Fall River
9	Fitchburg	26	Malden	9	Pawtucket
10	Woonsocket	27	Greenfield	10	Springfield
11	Chelsea	28	Haverhill	11	Greenfield
12	Quincy	29	Manchester	12	Woonsocket
13	Lawrence	30	Waltham	13	Lawrence
14	Cambridge	31	North Adams	14	Portland
15	Roslindale	32	Taunton	15	Dorchester
16	Pawtucket	33	Southbridge	16	Lynn
17	Lynn			17	Chelsea

### DISTRICTS RELATIVE STANDING FOR ORDINARY

For the Year of 1941

Average per man

ISSUED			PAID-FOR		
1	Roslindale	18	Framingham	1	Roslindale
2	Providence	19	Lawrence	2	Providence
3	Quincy	20	Pawtucket	3	Quincy
4	Worcester	21	Lewiston	4	Worcester
5	Chelsea	22	Portland	5	Cambridge
6	Cambridge	23	Malden	6	Chelsea
7	Fitchburg	24	Brockton	7	Fitchburg
8	Greenfield	25	Pittsfield	8	Boston
9	Allston	26	Fall River	9	Dorchester
10	Dorchester	27	New Bedford	10	Woonsocket
11	Boston	28	Waltham	11	Lynn
12	Lynn	29	Manchester	12	Allston
13	Woonsocket	30	North Adams	13	Greenfield
14	Holyoke	31	Haverhill	14	Holyoke
15	Salem	32	Taunton	15	Springfield
16	Lowell	33	Southbridge	16	Framingham
17	Springfield			17	Lawrence

*Life Insurance overcomes the hazard of indefiniteness. It tells you how much money you must save if you want to have a certain definite amount at a certain time. You know where you are going and when you will get there.*

## THE LIVE WIRE

### RELATIVE STANDING OF THE DISTRICTS

For the Year of 1941

#### Class A

#### Class B

#### Class C

#### WEEKLY PREMIUM INCREASE, Average per man

1	New Bedford	1	Framingham	1	Pawtucket
2	Providence	2	Quincy	2	Greenfield
3	Fall River	3	Fitchburg	3	Roslindale
4	Worcester	4	Portland	4	Woonsocket
5	Springfield	5	Lawrence	5	Allston
6	Dorchester	6	Lynn	6	Lewiston
7	Boston	7	Salem	7	Holyoke
8	Cambridge	8	Pittsfield	8	Haverhill
9	Chelsea	9	Lowell	9	North Adams
10	Malden	10	Waltham	10	Manchester
11	Brockton	11	Taunton	11	Southbridge

#### COLLECTIONS

1	New Bedford	1	Framingham	1	Southbridge
2	Springfield	2	Lawrence	2	North Adams
3	Fall River	3	Pittsfield	3	Lewiston
4	Malden	4	Fitchburg	4	Pawtucket
5	Cambridge	5	Taunton	5	Greenfield
6	Providence	6	Salem	6	Holyoke
7	Brockton	7	Portland	7	Woonsocket
8	Dorchester	8	Lynn	8	Manchester
9	Worcester	9	Quincy	9	Allston
10	Chelsea	10	Waltham	10	Roslindale
11	Boston	11	Lowell	11	Haverhill

#### ADVANCES

1	Springfield	1	Portland	1	North Adams
2	Fall River	2	Lawrence	2	Greenfield
3	Worcester	3	Pittsfield	3	Manchester
4	Brockton	4	Lynn	4	Haverhill
5	Cambridge	5	Quincy	5	Lewiston
6	New Bedford	6	Framingham	6	Southbridge
7	Chelsea	7	Lowell	7	Roslindale
8	Malden	8	Taunton	8	Woonsocket
9	Providence	9	Salem	9	Pawtucket
10	Dorchester	10	Fitchburg	10	Holyoke
11	Boston	11	Waltham	11	Allston

#### ARREARS

1	Springfield	1	Lawrence	1	North Adams
2	Fall River	2	Pittsfield	2	Southbridge
3	New Bedford	3	Framingham	3	Manchester
4	Worcester	4	Fitchburg	4	Woonsocket
5	Providence	5	Portland	5	Pawtucket
6	Chelsea	6	Quincy	6	Greenfield
7	Malden	7	Lynn	7	Holyoke
8	Cambridge	8	Salem	8	Lewiston
9	Brockton	9	Taunton	9	Roslindale
10	Boston	10	Waltham	10	Haverhill
11	Dorchester	11	Lowell	11	Allston

THE LIVE WIRE IS NEVER DOWN LONG.

## THE LIVE WIRE

### RELATIVE STANDING OF THE DISTRICTS

#### ACCOUNT CONDITION

For the Year of 1941

Irrespective of Classes

COLLECTIONS		ADVANCES		ARREARS	
1	New Bedford	1	Springfield	1	North Adams
2	Springfield	2	North Adams	2	Springfield
3	Framingham	3	Greenfield	3	Southbridge
4	Southbridge	4	Fall River	4	Fall River
5	Pawtucket	5	Manchester	5	Manchester
6	Greenfield	6	Worcester	6	Lawrence
7	Holyoke	7	Portland	7	Woonsocket
8	Fall River	8	Haverhill	8	Pittsfield
9	Lawrence	9	Brockton	9	New Bedford
10	North Adams	10	Lawrence	10	Pawtucket
11	Lewiston	11	Lewiston	11	Framingham
12	Pittsfield	12	Pittsfield	12	Fitchburg
13	Woonsocket	13	Cambridge	13	Greenfield
14	Malden	14	New Bedford	14	Holyoke
15	Cambridge	15	Southbridge	15	Portland
16	Fitchburg	16	Lynn	16	Worcester
17	Taunton	17	Quincy	17	Lewiston
18	Manchester	18	Roslindale	18	Roslindale
19	Salem	19	Woonsocket	19	Quincy
20	Portland	20	Pawtucket	20	Lynn
21	Lynn	21	Framingham	21	Providence
22	Providence	22	Lowell	22	Chelsea
23	Brockton	23	Taunton	23	Salem
24	Quincy	24	Chelsea	24	Taunton
25	Waltham	25	Salem	25	Haverhill
26	Lowell	26	Fitchburg	26	Malden
27	Dorchester	27	Malden	27	Waltham
28	Allston	28	Providence	28	Lowell
29	Chelsea	29	Holyoke	29	Allston
30	Worcester	30	Allston	30	Cambridge
31	Roslindale	31	Dorchester	31	Brockton
32	Boston	32	Waltham	32	Boston
33	Haverhill	33	Boston	33	Dorchester

### INDUSTRIAL INCREASE

#### Average per man

1	New Bedford	12	Roslindale	23	Chelsea
2	Providence	13	Lawrence	24	Holyoke
3	Framingham	14	Lynn	25	Lowell
4	Fall River	15	Dorchester	26	Malden
5	Pawtucket	16	Woonsocket	27	Brockton
6	Worcester	17	Salem	28	Haverhill
7	Springfield	18	Boston	29	Waltham
8	Quincy	19	Cambridge	30	North Adams
9	Fitchburg	20	Pittsfield	31	Manchester
10	Greenfield	21	Allston	32	Southbridge
11	Portland	22	Lewiston	33	Taunton

*The amount of United States Government Bonds held by the life insurance companies already exceeds the total financing aid secured by the government under the first and second Liberty Loan Issues of World War 1. 72% of all the securities owned by the Boston Mutual are in U. S. Government Bonds. 95% of all the money we invested in bonds last year was in U. S. Bonds. We bought six million three hundred thousand dollars worth of them.*



## THE LIVE WIRE

### FIFTY LEADING ASSISTANTS FOR ORDINARY

For the Year of 1941

#### ORDINARY ISSUED

#### ORDINARY PAID-FOR

1	R. Krovitz	Providence	1	R. Krovitz	Providence
2	C. Viglione	Roslindale	2	C. Viglione	Roslindale
3	F. Smith	Quincy	3	S. DiLeo	Providence
4	M. Goldman	Worcester	4	F. Smith	Quincy
5	P. Fargo	Quincy	5	P. Fargo	Quincy
6	S. DiLeo	Providence	6	A. Rose	Fitchburg
7	A. Rose	Fitchburg	7	M. Goldman	Worcester
8	J. McInerney	Lowell	8	J. McInerney	Lowell
9	J. Healy	Lynn	9	W. Campbell	Chelsea
10	W. Campbell	Chelsea	10	M. Zonfrillo	Woonsocket
11	V. Carbone	Chelsea	11	J. Healy	Lynn
12	J. Dokton	Providence	12	M. Coyne	Dorchester
13	M. Zonfrillo	Woonsocket	13	M. Nickinson	Boston
14	M. Coyne	Dorchester	14	V. Carbone	Chelsea
15	J. Vicario	Worcester	15	M. MacDiarmid	Cambridge
16	M. Nickinson	Boston	16	W. Walsh	Portland
17	M. MacDiarmid	Cambridge	17	C. Assad	Springfield
18	W. Walsh	Portland	18	J. Vicario	Worcester
19	C. Assad	Springfield	19	J. Dokton	Providence
20	W. Roberts	Pawtucket	20	W. Dwyer	Framingham
21	E. Koffman	Dorchester	21	V. Rosenstein	Boston
22	C. Solomita	Fitchburg	22	W. Roberts	Pawtucket
23	W. Blake	Salem	23	E. Koffman	Dorchester
24	V. Rosenstein	Boston	24	C. Solomita	Fitchburg
25	W. Dwyer	Framingham	25	C. Edgerly	Chelsea
26	P. Shevlin	Holyoke	26	E. Enos	New Bedford
27	B. Greene	Worcester	27	W. Blake	Salem
28	J. Patti	Lawrence	28	B. Greene	Worcester
29	E. Enos	New Bedford	29	J. Patti	Lawrence
30	C. Edgerly	Chelsea	30	M. Green	Cambridge
31	M. Green	Cambridge	31	W. Coddair	Cambridge
32	W. Coddair	Cambridge	32	P. Shevlin	Holyoke
33	P. Lynch	Framingham	33	J. Cahill	Fall River
34	A. DePasqua	Brockton	34	P. Lynch	Framingham
35	A. Giacosan	Boston	35	G. McCormack	Dorchester
36	G. McCormack	Dorchester	36	T. Cross	Lynn
37	T. Cross	Lynn	37	M. Cordeiro	Fall River
38	L. Callen	Dorchester	38	J. Glynn	Fall River
39	J. Glynn	Fall River	39	E. Sawyer	Lewiston
40	J. Cahill	Fall River	40	W. Reardon	Holyoke
41	W. Reardon	Holyoke	41	L. Callen	Dorchester
42	F. Berchamm	Woonsocket	42	D. Roach	North Adams
43	E. Blitz	Allston	43	A. DePasqua	Brockton
44	F. Allen	Salem	44	F. Allen	Salem
45	A. Vittoria	Malden	45	H. Boardman	New Bedford
46	E. Sawyer	Lewiston	46	A. Vittoria	Malden
47	H. Boardman	New Bedford	47	S. Waxler	Boston
48	E. Keely	Manchester	48	V. Lagueux	Lewiston
49	V. Lagueux	Lewiston	49	J. Lavin	Lawrence
50	M. Cordeiro	Fall River	50	E. Blitz	Allston

*Hitting the nail on the head! Last August we celebrated Our Golden Anniversary and in that month we reached one of our goals. One Hundred Millions Insurance in force!*

## THE LIVE WIRE

### 1941 ORDINARY CLUBS

#### \$ 50,000 CLUB

J. McInerney	Lowell	J. White	Boston
L. Ziniti	Roslindale	L. Glickman	Fitchburg
J. Healy	Lynn	O. Weiss	Boston
A. Bernardo	Providence	E. Bodoff	Woonsocket

#### \$ 35,000 CLUB

K. Karam	Roslindale	F. Matarazzo	Quincy
M. Goldman	Worcester	P. Supovitz	Worcester
R. Yates	Fitchburg	F. Smith	Quincy
A. Shammass	Pawtucket	E. Goldberg	Providence
M. Albertson	Haverhill	R. Krovitz	Providence
G. Amato	Providence	E. Dillon	Chelsea
S. Wishnevsky	Providence		

#### \$ 25,000 CLUB

V. Carbone	Chelsea	M. Coyne	Dorchester
J. McCabe	Worcester	M. Linhares, Jr.	New Bedford
W. Dwyer	Framingham	G. Boucher	Woonsocket
J. Volpe	Cambridge	A. Ricupero	Chelsea
A. Richman	Providence	N. Bertrand	Lewiston
A. Matthews	Dorchester	L. Mirisola	Holyoke
C. Peskin	Roslindale	L. Berkovitz	Worcester
J. Bumbaca	Boston	V. Ouellette	Springfield
G. Swig	Allston	V. Lagueux	Lewiston
G. Gelatt	Woonsocket	W. Walsh	Portland
J. Dumais	Woonsocket	M. Bell	Allston
P. Lynch	Framingham	E. Convicer	Boston
R. Bartorelli	Brockton	E. Mackay	Cambridge
B. LoGioco	Lawrence	A. Adams	Springfield
E. Dupray	Salem	J. Veator	Salem
A. Smith	Cambridge	R. Auger	Brockton
R. Andreozzi	Providence	S. Block	Chelsea
H. Greene	Cambridge	W. Foran	Salem
D. Wentworth	Springfield		

### DISTRICTS INDUSTRIAL LAPSE RATIO

1 Framingham	12 Portland	23 Boston
2 Greenfield	13 Fitchburg	24 Lowell
3 New Bedford	14 Lewiston	25 Chelsea
4 Woonsocket	15 Lynn	26 Malden
5 Pawtucket	16 Worcester	27 Waltham
6 Fall River	17 Salem	28 Brockton
7 Springfield	18 Quincy	29 Haverhill
8 Holyoke	19 Roslindale	30 North Adams
9 Pittsfield	20 Allston	31 Manchester
10 Lawrence	21 Dorchester	32 Southbridge
11 Providence	22 Cambridge	33 Taunton

*Life insurance companies extended financing aid to property owners of the United States in the form of mortgage financing, at the rate of nearly three million dollars each working day in 1941, representing an important contribution to the housing needs of the country. The Boston Mutual took mortgages during the past year in a aggregate amount of \$256,244.*

## THE LIVE WIRE

### LEADING ASSISTANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL

For the Year of 1941

#### WEEKLY PREMIUM INCREASE

1	M. Cordeiro	Fall River
2	W. Dwyer	Framingham
3	E. Enos	New Bedford
4	S. DiLeo	Providence
5	H. Boardman	New Bedford
6	J. Dokton	Providence
7	R. Krovitz	Providence
8	E. Koffman	Dorchester
9	F. Allen	Salem
10	M. Zonfrillo	Woonsocket
11	C. Viglione	Rosindale
12	D. Roach	North Adams
13	M. Migliore	Springfield
14	C. Solomita	Fitchburg
15	J. Vicario	Worcester
16	P. Fargo	Quincy
17	C. Gouvea	Pawtucket
18	T. Canedy	Springfield
19	W. Roberts	Pawtucket
20	A. Rose	Fitchburg
21	J. Cahill	Fall River
22	W. Walsh	Portland
23	P. Lynch	Framingham
24	A. Lopes	New Bedford
25	J. Patti	Lawrence

#### ADVANCES

1	T. Canedy	Springfield
2	M. Cordeiro	Fall River
3	E. Dobek	Springfield
4	C. Assad	Springfield
5	E. Keeley	Manchester
6	E. Lockhart	Greenfield
7	D. Roach	North Adams
8	J. Glynn	Fall River
9	J. Patti	Lawrence
10	M. Green	Cambridge
11	M. Goldman	Worcester
12	E. Bodoff	Taunton
13	G. deTonnancour	Fall River
14	I. Herman	Brockton
15	L. Navin	Pittsfield
16	L. Thackeray	Haverhill
17	M. Migliore	Springfield
18	T. DeVellis	Manchester
19	R. Landry	Portland
20	W. Coddair	Cambridge
21	A. DePasqua	Brockton
22	W. Walsh	Portland
23	J. Vicario	Worcester
24	V. Lagueux	Lewiston
25	J. Cahill	Fall River

#### COLLECTIONS

1	F. Berchman	Woonsocket
2	I. Jivelekian	Salem
3	B. Zeeman	Southbridge
4	W. Dwyer	Framingham
5	E. Lockhart	Greenfield
6	T. Canedy	Springfield
7	E. Enos	New Bedford
8	D. Roach	North Adams
9	J. Lavin	Lawrence
10	P. Shevlin	Holyoke
11	C. Gouvea	Pawtucket
12	A. Lopes	New Bedford
13	W. Coddair	Cambridge
14	J. Glynn	Fall River
15	A. Vittoria	Malden
16	M. Cordeiro	Fall River
17	E. Sawyer	Lewiston
18	H. Boardman	New Bedford
19	C. Assad	Springfield
20	L. Navin	Pittsfield
21	P. Lynch	Framingham
22	S. Jay	Waltham
23	A. Bilodeau	Fitchburg
24	E. Dobek	Springfield
25	W. Roberts	Pawtucket

#### ARREARS

1	M. Cordeiro	Fall River
2	D. Roach	North Adams
3	C. Assad	Springfield
4	E. Keeley	Manchester
5	J. Patti	Lawrence
6	T. Canedy	Springfield
7	E. Enos	New Bedford
8	B. Zeeman	Southbridge
9	F. Diorio	Southbridge
10	M. Zonfrillo	Woonsocket
11	G. deTonnancour	Fall River
12	E. Dobek	Springfield
13	W. Walsh	Portland
14	R. Miller	Pittsfield
15	J. Glynn	Fall River
16	L. Navin	Pittsfield
17	J. Lavin	Lawrence
18	F. Berchman	Woonsocket
19	W. Roberts	Pawtucket
20	C. Gouvea	Pawtucket
21	P. Shevlin	Holyoke
22	W. Dwyer	Framingham
23	C. Solomita	Fitchburg
24	F. McCabe	Lawrence
25	J. Cahill	Fall River

*"The last thing a man wants is life insurance-but that's the time he can't get it."*



## THE LIVE WIRE

### FIFTY LEADING AGENTS FOR INCREASE

For the Year of 1941

#### INDUSTRIAL

1	M. Stein	Lynn
2	M. Linhares, Jr.	New Bedford
3	J. Domingos	Fall River
4	J. Veator	Salem
5	A. Bernardo	Providence
6	P. Jacobski	Springfield
7	E. McDonald	Springfield
8	A. Richman	Providence
9	M. Barboza	Fall River
10	S. Wojtkiewicz	Framingham
11	F. Farrell	Providence
12	V. Ouellette, Jr.	Springfield
13	J. Cavaco	Fall River
14	L. Poisson	Pawtucket
15	I. Judelson	Springfield
16	R. Andreozzi	Providence
17	C. Karam	Boston
18	G. Amato	Providence
19	E. Cabral	Fall River
20	A. Ferro	Framingham
21	W. Morehouse	Dorchester
22	E. Troisi	Framingham
23	H. Wolfset	Worcester
24	R. Dow	Framingham
25	F. Lewis	Providence
26	J. Fernandes	New Bedford
27	G. El-Hillow	New Bedford
28	J. Korona	New Bedford
29	E. Goldberg	Providence
30	V. Picone	Fitchburg
31	J. Profenno	Portland
32	F. Silva	New Bedford
33	P. Supovitz	Worcester
34	F. Mullen	Framingham
35	R. Hannaway	Pawtucket
36	W. Jaworski	Fall River
37	H. DeMarco	Fall River
38	A. Goulston	New Bedford
39	M. Crystal	Dorchester
40	E. Ariel	Boston
41	B. Monteiro	New Bedford
42	A. O'Clare	Lawrence
43	W. Bishoff	Providence
44	A. Purchas	Quincy
45	M. Souza	Fall River
46	J. Wilson	Framingham
47	A. Picariello	Roslindale
48	J. Vasconcelos	Fall River
49	J. Lopes	Taunton
50	V. Beauparlant	Pawtucket

#### ORDINARY

1	J. McInerney	Lowell
2	L. Ziniti	Roslindale
3	J. Healy	Lynn
4	A. Bernardo	Providence
5	J. White	Boston
6	L. Glickman	Fitchburg
7	O. Weiss	Boston
8	E. Bodoff	Woonsocket
9	K. Karam	Roslindale
10	M. Goldman	Worcester
11	R. Yates	Fitchburg
12	A. Shammass	Pawtucket
13	M. Albertson	Haverhill
14	G. Amato	Providence
15	F. Matarazzo	Quincy
16	P. Supovitz	Worcester
17	F. Smith	Quincy
18	E. Goldberg	Providence
19	E. Dillon	Chelsea
20	S. Wishnevsky	Providence
21	V. Carbone	Chelsea
22	J. McCabe	Worcester
23	W. Dwyer	Framingham
24	J. Volpe	Cambridge
25	R. Krovitz	Providence
26	A. Richman	Providence
27	A. Matthews	Dorchester
28	C. Peskin	Roslindale
29	J. Bumbaca	Boston
30	G. Swig	Allston
31	G. Gellatt	Woonsocket
32	J. Dumais	Woonsocket
33	P. Lynch	Framingham
34	R. Bartorelli	Brockton
35	B. LoGioco	Lawrence
36	E. Dupray	Salem
37	A. Smith	Cambridge
38	R. Andreozzi	Providence
39	H. Greene	Cambridge
40	M. Coyne	Dorchester
41	M. Linhares, Jr.	New Bedford
42	G. Boucher	Woonsocket
43	A. Ricupero	Chelsea
44	N. Bertrand	Lewiston
45	L. Mirisola	Holyoke
46	L. Berkovitz	Worcester
47	V. Ouellette	Springfield
48	V. Lagueux	Lewiston
49	W. Walsh	Portland
50	M. Bell	Allston

*Think of all the good this money has done! Since organization the the Boston Mutual has paid over 35 million dollars to policy holders and beneficiaries.*

## THE LIVE WIRE

### LEADING AGENTS FOR ACCOUNT CONDITIONS

For the Year of 1941

#### COLLECTIONS

1	N. Eirouth	Roslindale
2	N. Pattershall	Malden
3	G. Tedeschi	Chelsea
4	H. Rosenbloom	Brockton
5	T. Duff	Taunton
6	J. Castellucci	Malden
7	H. Duval	Fitchburg
8	E. Moulton	Pittsfield
9	R. McGillivray	Salem
10	H. Doran	Greenfield
11	N. Zichella	Framingham
12	J. Betts	Salem
13	H. Jacobson	Springfield
14	A. Banville	Fall River
15	C. Jordan	Greenfield
16	J. Hooker	Brockton
17	S. Garrity	Pittsfield
18	J. Dupont	New Bedford
19	D. Welsh	Manchester
20	J. Korona	New Bedford
21	A. Ferro	Framingham
22	V. Ouellette	Springfield
23	J. Beavis	Framingham
24	P. Jacobski	Springfield
25	P. Buteau	Lewiston

#### ADVANCES

1	C. Hannaford	Portland
2	A. Elton	Springfield
3	H. Jacobson	Springfield
4	H. Doran	Greenfield
5	M. Carvalho, Jr.	Fall River
6	A. Adams	Springfield
7	A. Gattuso	North Adams
8	O. McGowan	Springfield
9	I. Chase	Worcester
10	E. McDonald	Springfield
11	M. Barboza	Fall River
12	H. deVillers	Manchester
13	J. Barnard	North Adams
14	H. Bannister	Fall River
15	B. LoGioco	Lawrence
16	J. Vasconcelos	Fall River
17	H. Wilson	North Adams
18	F. Furtado	Fall River
19	L. Dunn	Cambridge
20	L. Gauthier	Manchester
21	J. Morin	Lewiston
22	J. Tremblay, Jr.	Haverhill
23	B. Consiglio	Providence
24	E. Preston	Manchester
25	E. Curtis	Springfield

#### ARREARS

1	J. Vasconcelos	Fall River
2	M. Carvalho, Jr.	Fall River
3	J. Domingos	Fall River
4	E. Silverman	Lawrence
5	A. Adams	Springfield
6	J. Cavaco	Fall River
7	A. Shammass	Pawtucket
8	M. Linhares, Jr.	New Bedford
9	G. Gelatt	Woonsocket
10	S. Hartley	Waltham
11	A. Banville	Fall River
12	E. Palisoul	Springfield
13	R. Broyles	Pittsfield
14	H. Wilson	North Adams
15	A. Gattuso	North Adams
16	N. Costa	Fall River
17	S. Bryll	Southbridge
18	H. Wehr	Manchester
19	J. Barnard	North Adams
20	A. Dupont	New Bedford
21	C. Leavitt	Portland
22	A. Elton	Springfield
23	D. Grosfeld	Springfield
24	L. Saunders	North Adams
25	C. Marston	Portland

#### DISTRICTS COST OF BUSINESS

1	Pawtucket
2	Framingham
3	Lewiston
4	Allston
5	New Bedford
6	Providence
7	Woonsocket
8	Springfield
9	Portland
10	Fall River
11	Fitchburg
12	Holyoke
13	Quincy
14	Lynn
15	Greenfield
16	Worcester
17	Lawrence
18	Roslindale
19	Pittsfield
20	Salem
21	Boston
22	Dorchester
23	Lowell
24	Chelsea
25	Cambridge

*The life insurance agents of the United States, who aided the war financing in 1917 by selling one billion dollars of Liberty Bonds, are again engaged in a nationwide campaign to help the government in the sale of defense bonds. A window has been opened at the home office of the Boston Mutual for the sale of Defense Saving Stamps.*



ON CENTRAL FRONT, THE RUSSIANS CAPTURE YUKHNOV EAST OF SMOLENSK MARCH 5 AND FIND BRIDGE OVER UGRA RIVER DESTROYED. THEY ARE BUILDING PLANK ROAD OVER ICE





# Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE  
160 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.



FEBRUARY

MARCH

March 5, 1942

To the Field Force:

The LAST opportunity to write weekly premium insurance for the Campaign is just before you. Let every man make use of this valuable time and see to it that his debit produces its share of industrial increase.

From reports received, many districts are getting the most out of the President's Campaign although there are some districts lagging way behind. We appeal especially to the men of the latter districts to snap into action.

When you receive this letter there will be just about twenty odd days left to write ordinary and if each man would use most of this time to good advantage, he would have little trouble getting his quota of paid-for ordinary.

Give this month of March plenty of action, plenty of thought and plenty of planning. Do your part in making it the month we expect it to be.

GET GOING ON ORDINARY - KEEP IT GOING AND COMING!!

Yours very truly,

*W. E. Moody*

Supt. of Agencies.

## Power Pacts (continued)



ON THE NORTHERN FLANK OF THE 2,000-MILE BATTLE LINE, RUSSIAN INFANTRY AND TANKS ATTACK ACROSS A BARNYARD TO KEEP OPEN THE SUPPLY ROUTE FOR U. S. MUNITIONS

## GOVERNOR APPOINTS CANTON MAN JUSTICE

Gregory W. Grover of Canton was appointed by Governor Saltonstall yesterday to be a special justice of the District Court of Southern Norfolk, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Warren Patten of Stoughton recently.

The Governor also appointed State Senator Tycho M. Peterson of Springfield to be a member of the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission; John E. Beck of Chelsea, member of the excise board in that city, and re-appointment of Thomas F. Finigan of Belmont, member of the Appellate Tax Board.

March 5, 1942

Gregory W. Grover, Esq.  
55 Kilby Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Gregory:

Here are my heartiest congratulations upon your appointment by Governor Saltonstall as Special Justice of the District Court of Southern Norfolk. You have the ideal temperament for a judge -- in fact you belong higher up -- on the Superior Bench.

Sincerely yours,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC







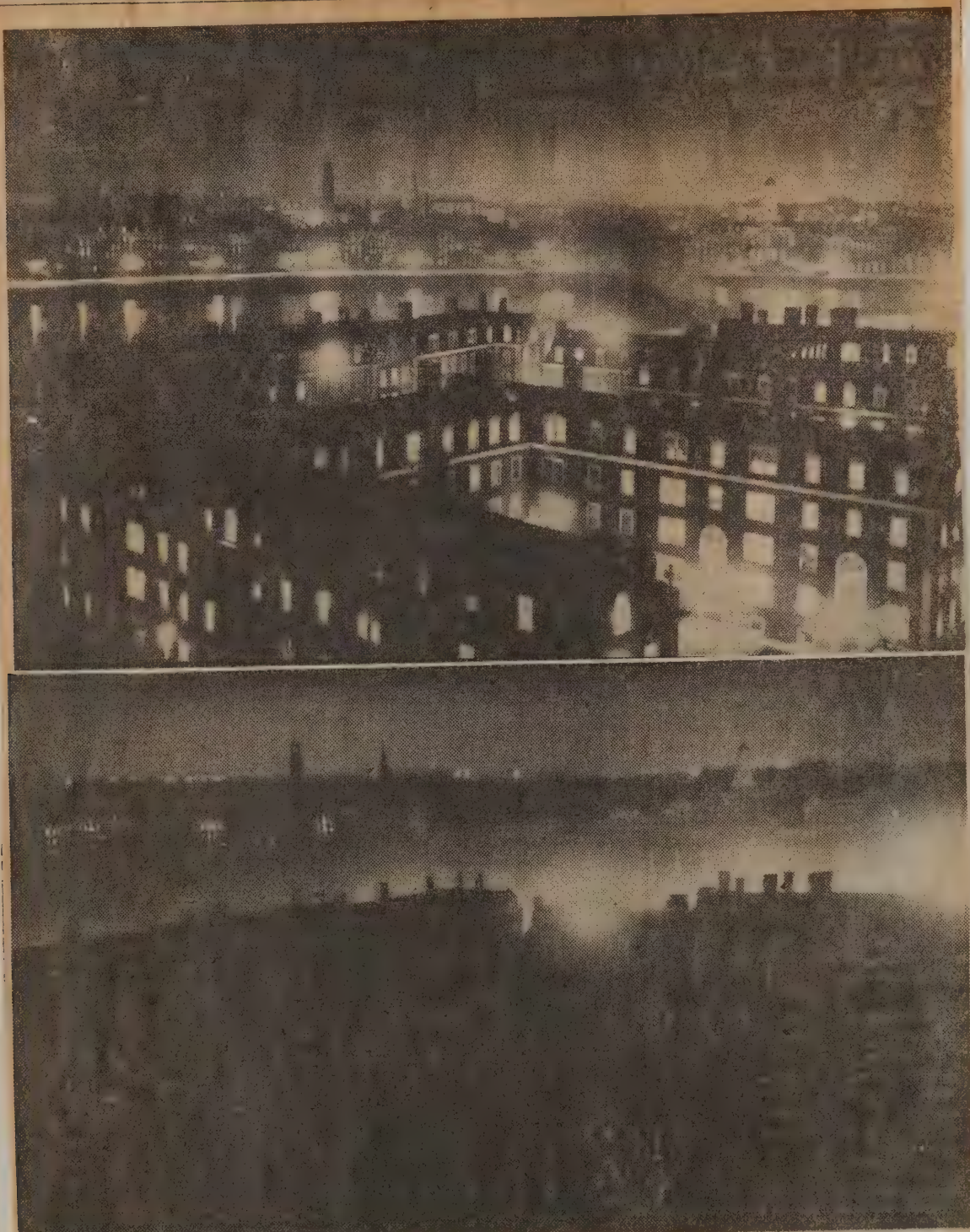


CAMBRIDGE BLACKOUT-Thursday-MARCH-5-1942



View-during views of the Cambridge blackout were taken from the tower of Harvard's Memorial Hall. In left foreground, top, is the Harvard Memorial Hall. Beyond it the dormitories in the Harvard Yard. Beyond the Yard are the lights of Harvard square. Directly behind the spire are the Harvard houses on Memorial Drive. Lights of Brighton and Watertown are in the distance. Below, the same view during blackout with only the lights of Brighton and Watertown showing.





By a Staff Photographer

### Cambridge, Blacked Out, Reflects Boston's Lights

Harvard University buildings and Cambridge before and during last night's blackout. Both pictures were taken from the tower of the Baker Memorial Library, in Boston, looking across the Charles River toward Cambridge and Somerville. Although Harvard's Graduate School of Business Administration, dormitories of which are shown in the foreground, co-operated in the Cambridge blackout, street lights along Soldiers Field Road, on the Boston side of the River, were left on, causing reflections in windows on the opposite shore. Lights of Somerville show in the distance.



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212 SUMMER STREET

BOSTON, MASS., U.S.A. Mar. 5, 1942

Mr. Jay R. Benton  
3 Pequossette Road  
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of Mar. 3rd relative to recharging your fire extinguishers.

We have the chemical charges here if you would want to do the work yourself. We quote you price of 75¢ each, f.o.b. Boston.

To have one of our men do the work at your home it would cost you \$1.50 each.

Yours very truly,

KNIGHT & THOMAS, INC.

*A. T. Connolly*

ATC:1



March 7, 1942

Knight & Thomas, Inc.  
212 Summer Street  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your reply to my inquiry of  
March 3rd.

I enclose my check for \$3.00 and you may  
have your men come out to recharge the two fire  
extinguishers.

Yours very truly,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC

Enclosure







# **BLACK OUT WARNING**

***One Long Blast on Fire Alarm***

***14 Short Blasts; all lights out  
2 Long Blasts; all clear***

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***Everyone is asked  
to cooperate during black out***


Stay in doors. Use Telephone only in an  
Emergency. Follow all National Rules.

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Wyoming Valley Paper Mill whistle will signal  
Black Out for Guildhall and Northumberland.  
Communities

First day-light trial Black Out, 5:45 Thursday,  
March 5, 1942

EARL STEVENS, Air Raid Warden







# Boiling Point?





Friday Morning, March 6, 1942

Mr. Nicholas Benton  
Box 534  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Nicholas:

Another five dollars is enclosed for  
you to use as pin money. Some pins!

It will be grand to see you at home  
for this week-end. Someone will drive over to  
the Boston Skating Club at five o'clock Saturday  
afternoon to give you a lift home.

With Love,

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure





## Guildhall Public Library

The following new books have been added to the Guildhall Public Library:

Frenchmen's Creek by Daphne De Maurier

Saratoga Trunk by Edna Furbur

Young Ames by Walter D. Edmonds

Botany Bay by Nordhoff & Hall

Dragon Seed by Pearl Buck

Reading I've Liked by Clifton Fadiman

March 6, 1942

Miss Louise R. Weisopf  
New England News Company  
30 Garrison Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Weisopf:

Kindly find enclosed check for \$10.50 for which ship the following books to:

Mrs. John Hodge, Librarian  
Guildhall Public Library  
Guildhall, Vermont.

FRENCHMEN'S CREEK by Daphne De Maurier  
SARATOGA TRUNK by Edna Furbur  
YOUNG AMES by Walter D. Edmonds  
BOTANY BAY by Nordhoff & Hall  
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MARCH 6, 1942



## Our Lady of Mercy Red Cross Unit To Mark Anniversary

With representatives from Boston headquarters of the American Red Cross as special guests, the Our Lady of Mercy unit of the local Red Cross will observe its first anniversary with a luncheon in the Parish House of Our Lady of Mercy Church on Oakley rd today.

Mrs. Jules Wettlaufer, as general chairman of production for the unit, will report that over 5,000 articles have been produced by the organization during its first year. The unit boasts of 69 active members. Mrs. Wettlaufer has been in charge of the production work since last summer at which time Mrs. Jay R. Benton, who was chairman, resigned to take up active work in the Boston chapter.

The program, to which representatives from all other Belmont units have been invited, will be from ten to three o'clock.

## Fat Flakes

The heavy rain of this morning turned into a stage snow-storm this afternoon, with unusually large and fat flakes tumbling into the streets. The size of the flakes was due, according to G. Harold Noyes, head man at the Weather Bureau, to the fact that the snow drops formed only a few hundred feet up in the air, and didn't have time to be blown apart by wind before they landed.

Temperature was 31 degrees, so near the freezing point that most of the flakes melted as they landed. Mr. Noyes said the snow would stop this evening, and there won't be enough to shovel.

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 1942  
 The regular routine - Scrambled  
 eggs and creamed halibut for  
 breakfast. To the Square with  
 Frances and Daniel - Raining  
 Rubbers - Umbrella - Subway.  
 Cigar Counter - goods for John -  
 Office - Work. All morning on  
 my federal income Tax.  
 Blah! Out to lunch at 12.15 with  
 Everett Lane + Rain - turning to snow.  
 To Patten's - Court St. - Hot Roast Beef  
 Sandwich - Grape Fruit + to the  
 Old Corner Book Store to get  
 names of books and prices to send  
 to Guildhall. To Photograph Store  
 on Milk St. But no luck +  
 Office - Work. Siesta - left at 4.20 -  
 to Boston Bar Association Rooms  
 on School St. - Photo flash of B.U. Law Assn Com - for  
 Annual Dinner. Called the House. Park St.  
 Subway - Harvard Square + Kermey's Radio Shop.  
 Classical Record. Emperor Waltz. Philadelphia  
 Orchestra - Ormandy conducting - with it got  
 free another Victor Red Seal Record -  
 Faust. Ballets + by Boston "Pops" Orchestra +  
 Frances came down to the Square -



Church St. - To meet me. Gave Everett  
Hardy a lift home + Home. A cup of  
tea + Played the Records. Dinner at 6.45 -  
Pureé Mangole. Salmon Croquettes - Escalloped  
Potato - Spinach - Cream of Tartar Biscuits -  
Cole Slaw - Milk - Prune Compote - To  
bed. Read the papers + John telephoned  
from the South Station - he is up for  
the week-end - Bill Weisiger with him +  
Mary out to dinner - Tim also on hand  
for the week-end +

M E M O R A N D U M

SENT TO JOHN

CAMP EDWARDS

MONDAY, MARCH 2ND

DOZEN CINNAMON BUNS  
CAMEL CIGARETTES  
SUNDAY FUNNIES  
NEW YORK SUNDAY NEWS - NEW YORK SUNDAY MIRROR

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD

HALF DOZEN SCHRAFFT'S COFFEE CAKES  
LUCKY STRIKES  
PEEK  
APPLE - ORANGE  
UNITED STATES INVESTOR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH

CAN OF FRANKFURTERS  
GULDEN'S MUSTARD  
CAN S. S. PIERCE SAUERKRAUT  
CAN ICICLE PICKLES  
POUND WURSTHAUS PRETZELS  
1/2 POUND SWISS CHEESE  
CAN BALLANTINE'S ALE  
CAMEL CIGARETTES  
"PIC"

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

HALF DOZEN HUYLER'S BRAMBLES  
PACK ROBERT BURNS PANATELAS  
CLICK  
TORONTO STAR WEEKLY

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

MOUNDS, BABY RUTH, TOOTSIE ROLLS, M & M'S, NUT SUNDAE,  
HENRY'S PEPPERMINTS, OLD NICK, OH HENRY, BEECHNUT GUM,  
CAMEL CIGARETTES  
"IT"  
COOS COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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THE  
382ND  
MEETING  
MARCH  
7TH, 1942

**THE REGULAR MEETING**  
*of the Beacon Society will be held at the  
Algonquin Club, Saturday evening  
March Seventh*

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*Reception at 6.30*

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*The Guest and Speaker will be*

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*Japan—Russia—The United States*

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*Please return reply not later than noon of March 6th. Should there be any change in your plans please notify the Algonquin Club not later than 5:00 P.M. Saturday, March Seventh.*

**Everett S. Litchfield, Secretary**

*Tel. Lafayette 5700*

**February 20, 1942**

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE BEACON SOCIETY

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1891	GEORGE G. CROCKER
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1922-1923	CARL P. DENNETT
1924-1925	JOSEPH W. POWELL
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1938-1939	CHANNING H. COX
1940-1941	JAY R. BENTON

THE THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SECOND

MONTHLY MEETING

OF

THE BEACON SOCIETY  
OF BOSTON

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH SEVENTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-TWO



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**JAPAN—RUSSIA—THE UNITED STATES**

## MENU

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Cocktails  
Martini & Manhattan

ASSORTED HORS d'OEUVRES

COTUIT OYSTER COCKTAIL

QUEEN OLIVES

SALTED NUTS

CELERY

ONION SOUP WITH PARMESAN CHEESE

Sauvignon Blanc  
Chateau Wente 1937

BROOK TROUT AU VIN BLANC  
GRAHAM CUCUMBER SANDWICHES

Champagne  
Morlant's

BREAST OF GUINEA CHICKEN CUMBERLAND  
BRAISED CELERY AU JUS  
SWEET POTATO CROQUETTE

TINY ARTICHOKE SALAD

SWISS CHEESE SOUFFLE

LIME SHERBET AU GREEN MENTHE

PETIT FOURS

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Caldwell, Charles M.	Hight, Clarence A.	Spau
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Derick, Clifford L.	Miller, George C.	Wigg
Dillingham, Isaac B.	Mitton, George W.	Wigg
Downer, Cutler B.	Morse, George W.	Youn









*A Bird's-Eye View*







Saturday, March 7th 1942

This is a pretty good day weatherwise +  
Fried eggs for breakfast. To town all the  
way in the cars - talking with Josiah - Office -  
work. Left at 12. Chalmers St. Subway. Har-  
vard Square + to Woolworth's - 8 curtain pulls  
for the new shades being made for the  
upper annex hall - bottle of Ink. to Church St.  
there was Nicholas looking in Tiedford's  
windows - he had made an earlier start  
from Exeter by Bus. John came down to get us.  
Home + Records + cup of tea. Lunch. Club Sandwich.  
Sauerkraut. Rye bread. Liederkrantz cheese +  
Milk - grape fruit. Quite a gang to feed. Frances, Jay,  
John, Mary, Peter, Nicholas, Jim, Bill Weisiger,  
Andrew, Kathleen + Jane + David did not return  
from college. At 2 John left with B. Weisiger  
and Nicholas leaving Nicholas off at the  
Boston Skating Club. Frances left at 2.15  
with Mary + Jim to go to the University to the  
Morries. Up at 5.15. Dressed - Tuxedo - 6.15 Anne  
Collins Graham - to the Algonquin Club. Dinner of Beacon  
Society - On the Wagon. Head Talk - Long Speech - Home  
at 11.30. Nicholas went to "Louisiana Purchase" +



## Sun Brings Pre-View of Easter

Mercury Climbs to 65 on Warmest March 8—

Warm winds blew a record-breaking springlike day to Boston yesterday. The temperature reached 65 degrees at 2 p. m., highest it has been on March 8 since 1878.

Thousands took advantage of the day to visit beaches and to go riding. State police reported highways heavily travelled.

At Revere Beach and Nantasket large crowds were reported. Several persons went in swimming at both beaches as well as at L street, South Boston.

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1942

This was a beautiful day felt just like summer in the sun. In fact we brought the lawn chairs out and at the mid-day gathering sat out on the West Lawn + I was up early - 6.30 Refrigerator - the Sunday Herald - I brought in my breakfast + Orange Juice - Corn flakes. Mince steak on toast. Iced Coffee - Read the Post, Globe, and Advertiser - up at 9.30. To work - doing many things - cleaned out the dark closet down cellar - cleaned out the front end of the attic + Out on the West Lawn. Came Louise + Ann + the Jameson Seniors + It really was grand outdoors + Dinner at 2.30. Chicken Soup + A Mammoth Roast Beef + Roast Potatoes + Beet Greens. Rolls - Milk. Custard Compote with crushed strawberries + David + Peter begged many boxes of papers down stairs for me + worked at this says that all afternoon + Had a hot tub bath at 5.30. Listened to Jack Benny at 7. Then supper - Frankfurters + Sauerkraut - Giederkraut Cheese + Mustard - Toast. Strawberries + Milk + John + Bill Weisiger left at 7.15 - Mary took them to the Square - then she stopped in at the Augusts +





The First Time OutDOORS  
the West LAwn.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1942





NICHOLAS HAS A TUXEDO FITTING FOR THE  
EXETER GLEE CLUB

March 8, 1942







SUNDAY NOON, MARCH 8, 1942

What A Difference A Few Hours Make



SUNDAY NOON, MARCH 15, 1942







**“HOT DIGGETY! THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY!”**

NOTHING LIKE  
CLEANING OUT  
THE ATTIC!



COPY

Monday Afternoon  
March 9, 1942

Corporal John H. Benton  
Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Dear John:

It was fine having you home for a couple of nights--and how fortunate to have an almost summer's day outdoors yesterday.

Today we are being buffeted by a torrential, almost tropical storm. Coming across Post Office Square a half hour ago, I saw at least six umbrellas whipped inside out and I don't know how many hats went skimming into the muddy pools in the streets. These were both men and women's--a high wind makes no discriminations.

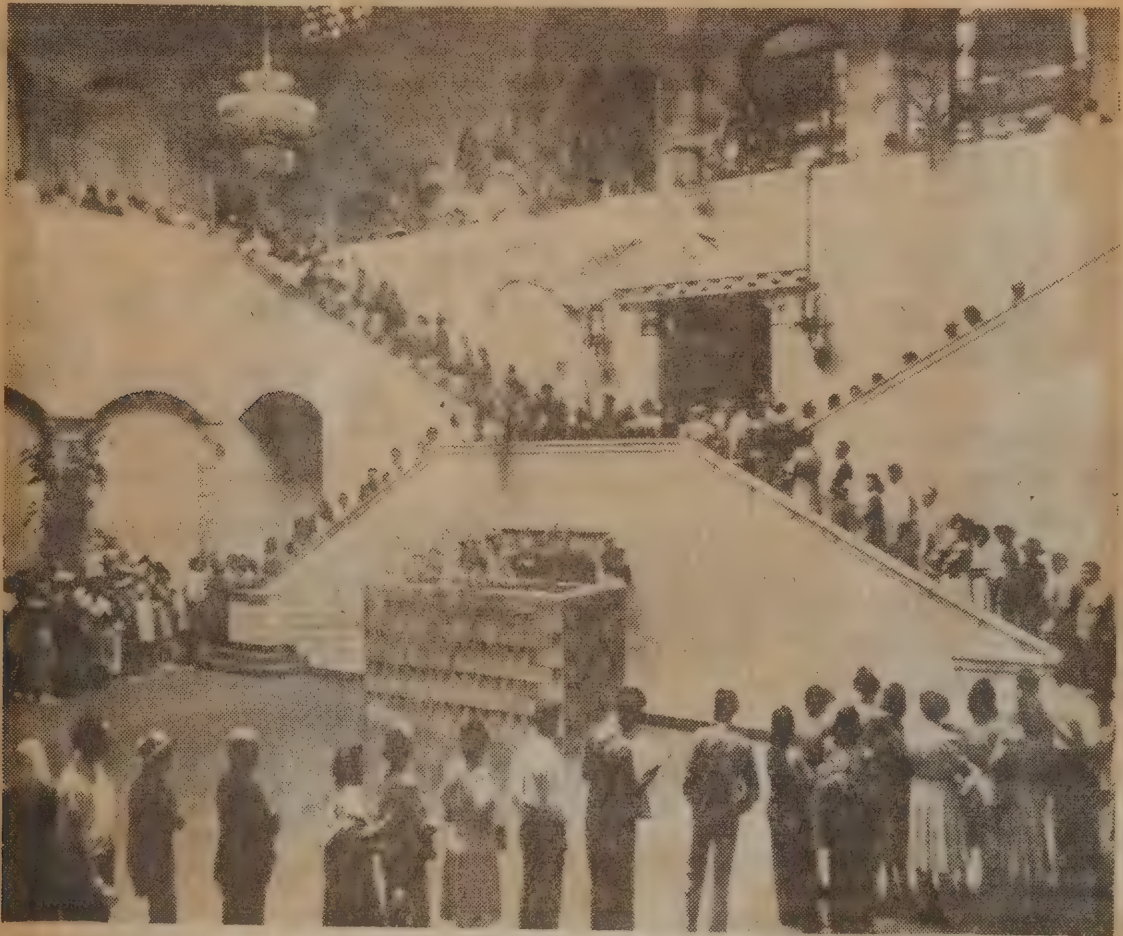
That's about all the news, except that I had a much needed hair-cut and shampoo. My foliage was so long that the first swath of the clippers flushed three partridge, one plover or peewit, and three ticket stubs to the Lancaster Rialto.

With Love,



# of the Day's War Communiques

## SPIRITED GATHERING IN HONOLULU



Line-up in the Hawaiian city last month shortly after the lifting of the ban on liquor sales, which went into effect a few days after the Japanese attack of Dec. 7. All are in quest of permits to purchase liquor.

Associated Press Wirephoto



# Hub Drenched By Heavy Rain

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1942  
 Up bright and early. For  
 breakfast orange juice - cereal -  
 fried eggs & Bacon + toast. Iced  
 coffee. To the Square with Frances &  
 David. Raining + Raincoat. Rubber,  
 Umbrella + left at Terrados to be  
 cleaned & pressed + 2 Piece Corbadiene  
 White flannel trousers + gray striped  
 coat. Tight gray tropical worsted  
 coat + Subway + Chauncy St -  
 office - rugged heavy suit case.  
 The Mail. Cut. left film at CofC.  
 Cigar Counter + 2 pair of shoes at  
 Corsetti's to be half-soled + to  
 Tentino's Barber shop in the National Shantyt Bank  
 Building - a hair cut and shampoo + was going  
 to Bank & florist - but torrential downpour in  
 Post Office Square hustled me back to the office -  
 work + Had my lunch brought over from S.G. Parker.  
 Hot turkey sandwich with gravy - green string beans.  
 2 Pats of butter - Milk - orange. work all after-  
 noon + left at 4.15. Subway + Met Frances at  
 Church St. left 3 ties at Terrados to be  
 cleaned. Home. David put out the paper  
 barrels + I picked up the yard a bit - upstairs  
 to rest + a sudden tropical downpour at

More than an inch of rain was in the process of falling on Boston today as local weather, so pleasant yesterday, went overnight from the sublime to the soaking.

The temperature on Sunday climbed to 65 degrees, so that yesterday was the warmest March 8 in Boston since 1878. But late in the night it began to rain and when people woke up this morning the precipitation, as measured by the Weather Bureau, was two-thirds of an inch and the rain was continuing.

G. Harold Noyes, chief of the bureau, said the rain would end some time today and that the temperature, which stood at a soggy 58 at 9 a. m., would drop to a figure more nearly reasonable.

Great puddles stood everywhere in the cities and suburbs and people arrived at work damp around the feet and ankles. Here and there automobiles stalled in pools caused by clogged catch basins.

## STARTED AT MIDNIGHT

The rainfall began about midnight. It seemed to increase in intensity during the early morning hours and by daylight had developed into a downpour.

The rain fell so fast this morning that streets became racing rivers and catch basins clogged in many places. Motorists found driving difficult, and pedestrians had their difficulties dodging puddles and side-stepping splashing vehicles.

The month has been wetter than normal thus far. The first eight days had brought a total rainfall of 1.95 inches, which is 1.06 above normal for this period. Since Jan. 1,

the precipitation has been 9.09 inches, which is 1.22 inches above normal.

The temperature was well above normal again today, though it had dropped somewhat from yesterday's record maximum of 65.



545 + a beautiful double rainbow over  
Mt. Auburn + Down to dinner at 6.30 -  
Chicken Soup. Cold Roast Beef - Stewed.  
Potato Salad - Baked Macaroni with Cheese -  
Green Peas + Worcestershire Sauce + Horseradish -  
Pickles. Sweet Relishes - Rolls. Prune Compote -  
to bed at 7. Was going to look in at the  
Belmont Town Meeting tonight. But  
feeling kind of tired - so decided not  
to go.



"The Rains Came"



# KATZMANN, VAHEY & DRAY

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

HYDE PARK, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE  
HYDE PARK 0372

FREDERICK G. KATZMANN  
JOHN P. VAHEY  
DECEASED 1934  
MICHAEL J. DRAY  
THEODORE W. BISBEE  
E. JOHN WALKER

March 9, 1942

Jay R. Benton, President  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Demosthenes never would have made a gesture like that. At what are you aiming with your forefinger? I know it is war-time - perhaps everything then, even speeches, are modelled after war. Yet, Demosthenes was mixed up in the Macedonian war, and he never looked like that.

Jay, you were such a good speaker, too. Too bad! This picture shows that you are losing caste and gaining weight. Let me take your next picture and I'll stream-line you.

Sincerely,

*F. G. Katzmann*

F. G. Katzmann

Propaganda  
line  
of  
garage  
THE LIVE WIRE

## THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

and this line of garbage  
wouldn't do any harm, either!  
OF  
PRESIDENT JAY R. BENTON

At the Fiftieth

Annual Meeting of Policyholders



THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1942.

# SINGAPORE: THE ZERO HOURS BEFORE THE JAPANESE SWARMED IN TO TAKE OVER



Tokyo planes passed, bombs fell and native homes became piles



March 10, 1942

Hon. Frederick G. Katzmann  
1219 River Street  
Hyde Park, Mass.

Dear Fred:

You must have been looking through the wrong segment of your bifocals. Among experts who know the subject best, they claim my shape is more svelte than ever. As for the gesture (based upon diagram 2, page 35, of the Waverley Baptist Church Clasped Hands Memorial Song Book) the Candid Camera caught me at the apogee, which explains a lot of things. Keep Demosthenes out of the discussion. I have not been obliged to use pebbles yet.

I seize this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

Your Old Friend,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC





The trail of the bombers rises over the city. This picture was taken while a raid was in progress.



Civil defense firemen try to check flames

11/11/41

Guildhall St.,  
Mar. 9-1942-

Dear Mr. Benton:-

I am most grateful to you for sending the nice lot of books that you have for the "Soldiers and Sailors". I think it a grand selection. I have received all of the books for them and have them at the Library so that the Towns-people may see what we are contributing. I have spoken to some in town but got no response and hated to have our Guildhall





go down as not having met  
the appeal for books.

I thank you for your thought  
of our Library readers and am  
sure your selection will be  
appreciated. Those have not  
come yet.

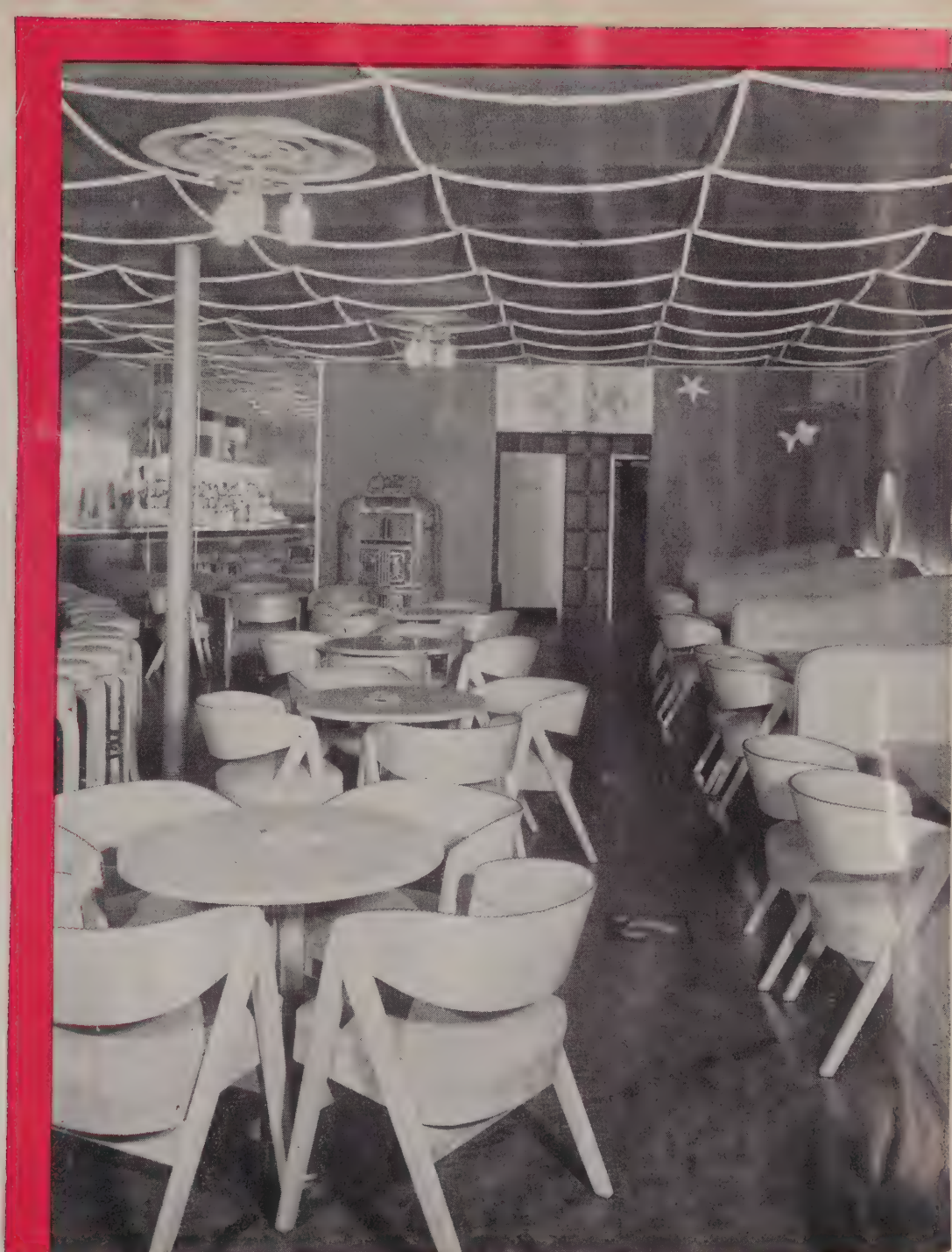
To-day has been a rainy  
windy day and the snow has  
disappeared amazingly - but  
that doesn't mean winter  
is over.

Remember me to your family.  
My thoughts often wing to Belmont  
and wonder how you all are -

Sincerely,

Mrs. John Dodge





#### THIS WEEK'S COVER

Set your course my hearties, for the S. S. Victory Cocktail Lounge, new, shipshape attraction of The Lobster House, Charlestown. Excellent "grog" is served in a salty nautical atmosphere. Story on Page Three.

LUNCH  
HERE-  
TUESDAY-  
MARCH 10, 1942





*The*

# LOBSTER HOUSE



62 Warren Avenue  
Tel. CHARlestown 0820

Charlestown

**\$2.50**

Tomato or Pineapple Juice or Fruit Cocktail  
Oysters on Half Shell, Hors d'Oeuvres or Anchovy Canape  
or Lobster Cocktail

Clam Chowder, Clam Broth, Chicken Gumbo Soup or Lobster Stew

CHOICE

**EXTRA LARGE BROILED LOBSTER**  
**BAKED LOBSTER A LA NEWPORT**

**LARGE BROILED TENDERLOIN, FRESH MUSHROOM SAUCE**  
Baked or French Fried Potatoes Jumbo Peas Combination Salad

Choice of Dessert or Camembert Cheese and Crackers

Coffee, Tea, Milk or Ginger Ale

**\$2.00**

Little Neck Cocktail, Lobster Cocktail or Oysters on Half Shell

Clam Chowder, Chicken Gumbo or Clam Broth

CHOICE

**BROILED LIVE LOBSTER** **LOBSTER NEWBURG ON TOAST**  
**LOBSTER THERMIDOR**

**LOBSTER SALAD, MAYONNAISE DRESSING**  
**THICK BROILED FILET MIGNON a la PARISIENNE EN CASSEROLE**  
Delmonico or French Fried Potatoes String Beans Chef's Salad

Choice of Dessert

Coffee, Tea or Milk

**\$1.50**

Little Neck Clam Cocktail, Lobster Cocktail, Lobster House Antipasto,  
Oysters on Half Shell or Sardine Canape

Clam Chowder or Chicken Gumbo

CHOICE

**BROILED LIVE LOBSTER** **LOBSTER A LA CACCIATORE**  
**LOBSTER AMERICAINE**

**LARGE HALF BROILED CHICKEN ON TOAST, RASHER OF BACON**  
French Fried Potatoes Jumbo Peas Chiffonade Salad

Choice of Dessert

Coffee, Tea or Milk

**\$1.25**

Oysters on Half Shell, Little Neck Clam Cocktail, Clam Chowder or  
Chicken Gumbo Soup, Tomato or Pineapple Juice or Steamed Clams

CHOICE

**BROILED LIVE LOBSTER** **BAKED LOBSTER A LA AUGUSTINE**  
**FRESH CRAB MEAT FLAKES AU GRATIN**

**CLUB SIRLOIN STEAK WITH FRESH MUSHROOM SAUCE**  
French Fried Potatoes Lettuce and Tomato Salad

Choice of Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Milk or Ginger Ale

**95c**

Oysters on Half Shell, Little Neck Clam Cocktail, Clam Chowder,  
Fruit Cup, Tomato Juice or Steamed Clams

CHOICE

**BROILED LIVE LOBSTER**  
**BROILED MILK-FED VEAL STEAK MIXED GRILL**  
French Fried Potatoes Combination Salad

Pudding, Pie, Jello or Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea or Milk

**85c**

Clam Chowder, Fruit Cup, Tomato or Pineapple Juice

CHOICE

**FRIED LOBSTER, TARTAR SAUCE** **LOBSTER SALAD**



Tomato or Pineapple Juice .....	15	Fresh Opened Oyster Cocktail..	35
Canape of Anchovies.....	45	Assorted Hors d'Oeuvres.....	60
Fresh Shrimp Cocktail .....	45	Stuffed Celery .....	50
Fresh Crab Meat Cocktail.....	50	Lobster Cocktail .....	60
Celery and Olives.....	30	Sea Food Cocktail .....	60
Steamed Clams, Drawn Butter .....	50		

## SOUP

Clam Chowder, Cup 15 Bowl	25	Chicken Gumbo .....	25
Minestrone .....	25	Onion Soup .....	25
Fresh Vegetable .....	25	Cream of Tomato.....	25
Lobster Bisque .....	35	Consomme Julienne .....	20

## FISH

Broiled Fresh Mackerel .....	50	Fried Filet of Sole, Tartar Sc.	50
Fried Deep Sea Scallops .....	65	Broiled Fresh Halibut Steak.....	65
Broiled Cape Scallops .....	75	Scallops Saute, Meuniere.....	60
Fried Jumbo Smelts .....	50	Broiled Codfish, Rasher of	
Fried Ipswich Clams, Tartar Sc.	55	Bacon .....	50
Baked Open Oysters a la Casino	60	Fried Oysters, Tartar Sauce.....	65
Broiled Swordfish, Lemon Butter .....	65		

ABOVE ORDERS SERVED WITH FRENCH FRIED POTATOES

## LOBSTER

Broiled Live Lobster, Large.....	1.50	Fried Lobster .....	1.15
Lobster a la Newburg .....	1.25	Cold Boiled Lobster .....	1.15
Lobster a la Cacciatore.....	1.25	Hot Boiled Lobster .....	1.15
Lobster Thermidor .....	1.35	Lobster Americaine .....	1.25
Creamed Lobster au Gratin .....	1.15		

## STEAKS AND CHOPS

Broiled Tenderloin Steak, Fresh Mushroom Cap .....	1.25
Filet Mignon en Casserole a la Parisienne.....	1.25
Planked Sirloin Steak for one 1.50.....	for two 2.75
Two Broiled Spring Lamb Chops .....	85
Breaded Veal Cutlet, Mushroom Sauce .....	65
Broiled Pork Chops, Apple Sauce .....	65
Scallopine of Veal, Sherry Wine Sauce .....	75
Half Chicken Saute a la Cacciatore and Spaghetti .....	1.25
Half Broiled Spring Chicken on Toast.....	90
Half of Fried Chicken a la Maryland .....	1.10
	95



Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1942

Slept soundly to seven o'clock - the trip downstairs + The "Herald" - Breakfast. orange juice - cream of wheat. creamed cod fish - toast - Iced Coffee. To the Square + with Frances + Helen Jameson along + Wurst Haus + Cobb, Bates, & Yaxa - for things for John + Office - Work - to Bank - flowers - Black Horse for Nicholas - office - out to lunch at 12.15 with Everett Lane - a long walk - over to Charlestown - The Lobster House - 42 Warren Ave., Anchovies - Lettuce - Fried shrimp - Green Peas - Milk. Orange. Looked over the Cocktail Lounge. Good looking. The Talk Back + Office. Meeting of Real Estate Committee + at 3.15. Came Col. Thomas Sullivan to consult with me about air raid preparations at the Home Office Building + I listened in with Everett Lane and Courtney Newman + Left at 4.15. Met Frances at Church St. Helen Jameson with her. Home. To Cushing Square - Bot. Record needles - at Stucke's - also record "Somebody's Taking My Place" - 2 Glasses of Iced Coffee. Dinner. Mock Turtle Soup. Teal Paprika - Mashed Potato + Braised Celery - turnip - Rolls. Milk. Stewed Pineapple + Donu Allan to letter card boxes in the Dark Closet + David fixed the striker in the Grandfather's Clock in the front hall. He told us that he received a bid from the Speakers Club at Harvard but had declined.



x

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 1942

A cod steak for breakfast. to the Square with Frances and David. A tie to be mended & to be cleaned + mended delivered my white flannel pants just as we were leaving + Sunday. A shoe shine - and had chromium clock. fixed - a new winder to cigar counter for films but they had not returned. Office + work. Richardson of First National Bank in + at 12.45 over to the Chamber of Commerce. Welcome luncheon to the new Salvation Army Commission. Ernest ~~Quinn~~ + sat at the Head table. - Over at 2. to Woolworth's for pant hangers + to Cobb, Bates, + Marx for Sanka Coffee + and hamburger Cheese + to Liggett's for another Bottle of Benedict's Solution + to Breck's for a dozen Narcissus Bulbs. Back to the office - Courtney reported on air red sirens - went out and brought back a huge red contrivance. set it up in front stairway. Piercing - at 4. Leo Leary held first meeting with Floor A & P. Captains + left at 4.45 to David Montague's office - meeting Vermont Assn - Exec. Com. re coming Mahle Sugaring off + over at 5.45 - Telephoned House. Park St. Sunday. Florist in Cambridge for small bouquet. David + Peter came down to meet me. Home, Iced Coffee. Dinner. Soup. Swordfish + Turnards + orange - Got 8 of the Narcissus bulbs. Then to bed. Papers + Radio -



CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Tue. Mar-11, 1942

Dear Mother:

Many thanks for your  
very nice note. It was grand  
to hear from you. Bill and I  
had the usual grand time  
and now are awaiting the  
arrival of the next one.  
That's all we have to look  
forward to now.

Monday night Bill and  
I had guard duty and last  
night I had to sleep in  
the office, which proved to be  
well populated with mice!

I have high hopes  
of going to the movies to-

right, unless something comes  
up.

Give Dad my thanks for  
the Rye bread and  
S. S. & Co. brand cheese which  
arrived today. Very tasty.

Will write again  
soon when I have more  
news - Until then -

Much Love

Johnny









Wednesday Evening  
March, 11, 1942

Dear Mom & Dad—

Thanks for the black pair of stockings,  
Dad. Hey! corks.

The concert is at Dana Hall next  
Saturday night starting between 8:15 to 8:30.

I don't know who's program comes first. You  
should have no trouble getting in but if anyone asks,  
say that you are guests of Mr. Arthur Sanders.

The Dana Hall girls are giving a supper dance in  
our honor. We'll have a grand time I'm sure although  
I'll miss the movie on Saturday night here.

Here's a vest that goes to the "true!"  
Could you get it there on Saturday morning? Ask Peter where  
it is.

We are reading "Black Laughter" for  
English. A lousy book about Africa.

Send me all the skating pictures



you can get a hold of because the Boston Skating  
Carnival is coming soon and there's bound to be pictures

I must do some Latin now—

Love,  
Nick







A. R. P.

Your station, in case of Air Raid Alarm, is the cellar. You will put cash, record books, and valuable papers in safes. Use main stairway and

W A L K

Your warden is ERNEST T. SKINNER

Your assistant warden is CHARLES L. J. NOBLE

Follow instructions of wardens.

O B E D I E N C E - D I S C I P L I N E - W A L K

A. R. P.

Your station, in case of Air Mail, is  
the center. You will get mail, news, books, and valuable  
papers in bulk. The main library and

W A I E

Your work is done at the center.  
Your assigned work is done at the center.

Follow instructions of persons.

RECEIVED - DIRECTOR - W A I E







THE SALVATION ARMY  
GREATER BOSTON ADVISORY BOARD

invites you to be its guest at a

WELCOME

LUNCHEON

to

COMMISSIONER and MRS.

ERNEST I. PUGMIRE

New Leaders of the Eastern Territory

at the

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING

80 Federal Street

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Wednesday, the Eleventh of March, 1942

at 12:30 p.m.

Please reply to  
Winthrop C. Adams, Chairman  
41 Pearl Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Left

Brigadier C. A. Lockwood,  
*Provincial Secretary*

Miss Eileen M. Shea,  
*Secretary to Mayor Tobin*

Charles P. Howard,  
*Treasurer, County of Middlesex*

Andrew S. Seiler,  
*President, H. J. Seiler Co.*

Walter Channing,  
*President, Walter Channing, Inc.*

Lieut. Colonel Katherine Eckerle,  
*Supt., Evangeline Booth Home and Hospital*

Melville D. Liming,  
*Managing Director, Boston Chamber of Commerce*

Deputy Superintendent William J. Carey  
*Representing Commissioner Joseph F. Timilty*

Ralph M. Eastman  
*Vice President, State Street Trust Co.*

Lieut. Commander Charles A. Paul,  
*Representing Rear Admiral William T. Tarrant*

John E. Wilson,  
*President, Batchelder & Snyder Co., Inc.*

Colonel Edmund C. Hoffman,  
*Provincial Commander*

Hon. Charles F. Hurley,  
*Former Governor of Massachusetts*

William G. O'Hare,  
*Representing Mayor Maurice J. Tobin*

Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire,  
*Commanding Eastern Territory*

Winthrop C. Adams, Presiding  
*President, Rival Foods, Inc.*

Mrs. Commissioner Pugmire

Mrs. Leverett Saltonstall

J. Willard Hayden,  
*President, Charles Hayden Foundation*

of Commerce. Wednesday, March 11, 1942

Mrs. George R. Fearing,  
*Chairman, Women's Division*

Mrs. Colonel Hoffman

Major J. J. Donovan,  
*Representing Major General Sherman Miles*

Jay R. Benton,  
*President, Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.*

Richard F. Cunningham,  
*Deputy Commander, The American Legion*

Rev. Samuel A. Eliot,  
*Pastor Emeritus, Arlington St. Unitarian Church*

Lawrence Brown,  
*District Commander, Suffolk County Veterans of Foreign Wars*

George R. Singleton,  
*President, Boston Kiwanis Club*

Pliny Jewell,  
*Vice President, Coffin & Burr*

Miss Sheila O'Donovan Rossa

Colonel Joseph Atkinson (R)

Major Rowland Hughes,  
*Editor-in-Chief, "War Cry"*

Brigadier Carl Soderstrom,  
*Divisional Officer*

Right

Commissioner and Mrs. Ernest I. Pugmire Welcome Luncheon, Boston Chamber

Speakers' Table



*Welcome  
Services*

*Commissioner and Mrs.  
Ernest J. Pugmire*

*Boston. Massachusetts  
Wednesday, March 11, 1942*



## *Welcome Luncheon*

Sponsored by the Greater Boston Advisory Board  
Winthrop C. Adams — Presiding

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"The Star Spangled Banner"  
Miss Sheila O'Donovan Rossa

INVOCATION                      Reverend Samuel A. Eliot, D.D.

GREETINGS

MAYOR MAURICE J. TOBIN  
The City of Boston

MRS. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

J. WILLARD HAYDEN  
President, Charles Hayden Foundation

COLONEL EDMUND C. HOFFMAN

RESPONSE

MRS. COMMISSIONER PUGMIRE

COMMISSIONER ERNEST I. PUGMIRE

BENEDICTION                      Major Rowland Hughes

ORGAN RECITAL  
12:15 to 12:30  
Louis Weir



RUGGLES STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
PARLORS

Three O'Clock

## Officers Meeting

SONG—Tune: "Bound for Canaan's Shore" No. 110

HARK! Listen to the Trumpeters

Hark! listen to the trumpeters,  
They sound for volunteers,  
On Zion's bright and flowery mount,  
Behold the Officers!  
Their horses white their garments  
bright,  
With arrow and bow they stand,  
Enlisting Soldiers for their King,  
To march to Canaan's land.

It sets my heart all in a flame,  
A Soldier I will be;  
I will enlist—gird on my arms,  
And fight for liberty.  
They want no cowards in their band,  
Who will their colors fly;  
But call for valiant-hearted men  
Who're not afraid to die.

The trumpet sounds, the armies meet,  
And drive the hosts of Hell;  
How dreadful is our God in arms,  
The great Immanuel.  
Sinners, enlist with Jesus Christ,  
The Eternal Son of God,  
And march with us to Canaan's land,  
Beyond the swelling flood.

PRAYER

Brigadier Addie Shaffer

SCRIPTURE READING

Brigadier Carl Soderstrom

GREETINGS

Colonel Edmund C. Hoffman

Major Chester R. Brown

Mrs. Major Albert Morrill

CHORUS

COMMISSIONER and MRS. ERNEST I. PUGMIRE  
will speak

SONG—Tune: "Dennis" No. 121

A charge to keep I have  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the Sky.

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfil;  
Oh, may it all my powers engage,  
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care,  
As in Thy sight to live;  
And Oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare,  
A strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray,  
And on Thyself rely,  
Assured, if I my trust betray,  
I shall for ever die.

BENEDICTION

Brigadier Clifford E. Lockwood

## Order of Service

SONG—Tune: "Hanover" No. 329

"Ye Servants of God"

Then let us adore, and give Him His right  
All honor, and power, and wisdom and might!  
All glory, and blessing, with angels above  
And strength never ceasing, and infinite love.

Ye servants of God! your Master proclaim  
And publish abroad His Wonderful name.  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,  
His Kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, Almighty to save  
And still He is nigh; His presence we have.  
The great congregation His triumphs shall sing  
Ascribing Salvation to Jesus, our King.

PRAYER

Major Henry Stephan

SCRIPTURE READING

Major John Seddon

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Colonel Edmund C. Hoffman

SELECTION

The Cambridge Band

George Foster, Bandmaster

GREETINGS

John E. Wilson,

Vice-Chairman

Greater Boston Advisory Board

Major Herbert Martin

Mrs. Colonel Edmund Hoffman

COMMISSIONER and MRS. ERNEST I. PUGMIRE

will speak

VOCAL SELECTION

The Palace Songsters

David Galbraith, Leader

BENEDICTION

Colonel Joseph Atkinson (R)

## Our New Leaders

Commissioner and Mrs. Ernest I. Pugmire have already given a lifetime to Salvation Army service, and have served in England, Canada, China, Japan, and for the better part of the last decade in the United States.

The son of Colonel Joseph Pugmire, veteran Salvationist and pioneer of Army work in Missouri, Kansas, and other States fifty-five years ago (recently promoted to Glory from London, England), Commissioner Pugmire was born in Kansas City, Mo., on March 4, 1888. Before he was seventeen he had crossed the Atlantic four times, his father's appointments and Army service taking him to England, to Canada, again to England, and back to Canada. It was from Toronto, Canada, that both Commissioner and Mrs. Pugmire entered the Training College.

After serving in Field and Headquarters work in Canada for some twelve years, they were transferred to China, where the Commissioner, then Staff-Captain, became the Army's first Financial Secretary in that country. At the beginning of 1920 they were transferred to Tokio, Japan, and served there also for twelve years, the Commissioner having in the meantime risen to the position of Chief Secretary under the noted Commissioner Gunpei Yamamuro.

From the Far East, Commissioner and Mrs. Pugmire were transferred to Canada again, and then to Chicago in 1932.

After three years in the Central Territory, first as Financial and then as Chief Secretary, the Commissioner was appointed to the command of the Southern Territory, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. At the beginning of 1935 Commissioner and Mrs. Pugmire returned to Chicago again as Territorial Leaders for the Central Territory.

Mrs. Commissioner Pugmire has been very active at the side of the Commissioner in their journeys here and abroad, and has also given much of her time to work among women. In Tokio she organized the work of the League of Mercy, which developed into a greatly valued ministry of service, and in the Southern and Central Territories has held the position of President of the Home League. In the last two years she supervised the preparation and shipping of large quantities of material for the refugee people of Britain.

Commissioner and Mrs. Pugmire, with their family, went through the harrowing Great Earthquake experience in Japan, and the Commissioner is a survivor of the well-remembered "Empress of Ireland" disaster.

May God bless Commissioner and Mrs. Ernest I. Pugmire in overflowing measure as they assume direction of the Army's multiphased program in the Eastern Territory!







COMMISSIONER ERNEST I. PUGMIRE



MRS. COMMISSIONER ERNEST I. PUGMIRE





**WELCOME TO SALVATION ARMY COMMISSIONER**—William G. O'Hare, at left, representing Mayor Tobin, and Commissioner Ernest I. Pugmire, commanding eastern territory of Salvation Army, at welcome luncheon at the Boston Chamber of Commerce today.



VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON

March 6, 1942

IMPORTANT meeting of the Executive Committee  
Wednesday, March 11th, five o'clock P. M.,  
at Room 1041 Tremont Building, Boston.

D. T. Montague, Sec'y



March 11, 1942

Dr. William Reid Morrison  
31 Payson Terrace  
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Dr. Morrison:

I am mailing to you by parcel post a package of newspaper photos and clippings I collected during the first World War. I think they may be of interest to you. Perhaps the Waverley Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars might be interested to have them pasted in a scrap-book and kept in their club house as a matter of record.

Sincerely yours,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC





THE HOUSE AT WAVERLEY

1900







THE HOUSE AT WAVERLEY

1900







THE HOUSE AT WAVERLEY

The Northwest Corner





MOTHER IN THE GARDEN AT WAVERLEY

In the Big Flower Bed are Castor Oil Beans,  
Cannas, Elephant Ears, and Sweet Alyssum.

In the Background, Ripley's House







WAVERLEY - 1900

Jay, Charles, Uncle George







HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS IN WAVERLEY

The Horse - Molly  
The Driver - Jack Connors

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Cullis House in the Background





J. R. B. TROPHIES

Waverley - 1902







J. R. B. TROPHIES

Waverley - 1902







THE OLD GRANGE HALL

Guildhall, Vermont





JAY'S WHARF - CONNECTICUT RIVER

Guildhall - 1902







THE CALABALISTIC WONDERS

Guildhall, Vermont

Left to Right: Jay, Gladys Wentworth, Blanche,  
Greta Rogers, Charles  
In Front: Carlyle Holt







J. R. B.

In The Calabalistic Wonders

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Guildhall, Vermont





THE BIG HOUSE

1904







CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Thurs. Mar. 12, 1942

Dear Mother:

Your grand letter arrived today along with Dad's daily package. Thank you very much. This afternoon we went for a long hike and tonight we're very weary indeed. It is now 8: P.M. and we've just finished standing a surprise inspection. Tired as I am I think that a few bottles of Budweiser Beck are in order. Bill has turned in already and is now writing a letter to, guess who? Marie Dora! I received a very nice letter

from her yesterday. Must answer  
it as soon as I finish this  
one to you.

This week has gone by  
amazingly fast. Only two weeks  
to go to our next weekend.

By that time the spring weather  
should really have arrived!

It will be super grand sitting  
out on the lawn of a Sunday  
noon.

This camp is now a  
sea of mud as a result of  
all the rain we've had.

Very, very monotonous!

Now I'm off for that  
Boch! My love to all  
and especially you—

—Johnny—







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*Photograph by Waid*

**JAY R. BENTON**

President of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company and former Attorney General of the State of Massachusetts. Graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, Harvard College, and Boston University Law School. Trustee of Belmont Public Library and the Guildhall Public Library. Actively associated with the Boston Chamber of Commerce, The Salvation Army, American Law Institute, South End Boys Club and Vice-President of the Waverly Co-operative Bank.





# BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY HOLDS FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING



GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF HOME OFFICE OFFICIALS AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TAKEN JANUARY 28, 1942

- Front Row (Left to Right):** Supt. Louis Mirisola, Holyoke; Head Ind. Bkg. Dept., Dorothy Martin; Head Agency Dept., Rosella Hubner; Virginia Garabedian; Head of Claim Dept., Irene Kemper; Cashier Margaret Martin, Taunton; Head Policy Dept., Theresa Simpson; Head Medical Dept., Isabelle Sullivan; Mary Forrester; Dorothea Murphy; Emma Diamond; Julia Driscoll; Adeline Rotondi; Margaret Driscoll; Mary Powers; Catherine Ryan.
- Second Row (Left to Right):** Asst. Cashier, Nellie Sheahan, Holyoke; Supt. Talcott Burgess, Dorchester; Agency Insp. Frank Newman; Asst. Actuary Earle Keene; Supt. John Brennan, Lawrence; Actuary Byron Wright; Medical Director Arthur H. Davison; Secretary Edward C. Mansfield; President Jay R. Benton; Supt. of Agencies William H. Moody; Asst. Supt. of Agencies Lorne J. Peters; Asst. Sec. and Treas. Everett H. Lane; Beatrice Cook; Mgr. Real Estate, Chester W. Snow; Supt. Thomas McAndrew, Fall River; Supt. Harry Porter, New Bedford; Supt. Joseph White, Boston; Agent Samuel Hartley, Waltham.
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- Fourth Row (Left to Right):** Asst. Supt. Manuel Cordeiro, Fall River; Asst. Supt. Peter Kane, Lowell; Asst. Supt. Cornelius Murphy, Lowell; Asst. Supt. Joseph McInerney, Lowell; Supt. Harry Scampton, Waltham; Asst. Supt. Michael Green, Cambridge; Supt. Thomas DeValis, Manchester; Supt. Joseph Derosier, Brockton; Supt. Joseph Cote, Lowell; Asst. Supt. William Coddare, Cambridge; Asst. Supt. Francis McCabe, Lawrence; Supt. Harry Freeman, Roslindale; Asst. Supt. Eugene Emor, New Bedford; Supt. James Doherty, Haverhill; Supt. Henry Horan, Pawtucket; Asst. Supt. Patrick Cahill, Fall River; Asst. Supt. Robert Miller, Pittsfield; Asst. Supt. Vito Carbone, Chelsea; Asst. Supt. Patrick Lynch, Framingham; Asst. Supt. William Dwyer, Framingham; Supt. Joseph Smith, Springfield; Supt. Louis Neils, Worcester; Supt. Melvin Tappin, Pittsfield; Supt. Gerald Doucette, Portland; Supt. Ambrose White, Providence.
- Fifth Row (Left to Right):** Courtney Newman; Supt. George Swig, Allston; Supt. Frank Diorio, Southbridge; Asst. Supt. Carmine Viglione, Roslindale; Supt. Thomas Boylan, Greenfield; Supt. Clifton Powers, North Adams; Supt. Alexander McClellan, Quincy; Supt. Charles Burland, Chelsea; Asst. Supt. Frank Berchman, Woonsocket; Supt. Louis Leon, Woonsocket; Supt. John Quinn, Salem; Asst. Supt. Arthur Lopes, New Bedford; Supt. John Ring, Lynn; Asst. Supt. Antoine Martineau, Woonsocket; Maynard Stoddard; Asst. Supt. Albert Blodeau, Fitchburg; Supt. Bernard McCormick, Fitchburg; Asst. Supt. Charles Edgerly, Chelsea; Asst. Supt. Marshall MacDiarmid, Cambridge; Asst. Auditor Robert Stinson; Charles Noble; Francis French; Asst. Supt. Patrick Shevlin, Holyoke; Supt. William Farrell, Malden; Asst. Supt. William Walsh, Portland; Asst. Supt. Louis Thackeray, Haverhill; Supt. Edward Mackay, Cambridge; Supt. William Fyfe, Lewiston; Asst. Supt. Charles Solomita, Fitchburg.





# Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE  
160 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

FEBRUARY



MARCH

March 12, 1942

To the Field Force:

The industrial writing for the President's Campaign is over and the next weeks effort, as far as industrial goes, will be for the first issue of April as well as the first issue of the second quarter.

The month will slip by quickly. Therefore, you should enliven your industrial writings on the first issues as every man is expected to show increase for April as well as improvement in his accounts.

**MORE ORDINARY IS NECESSARY FROM EVERY DISTRICT -**

and there are just about fifteen days left to write ordinary to count. Remember, it is essential that all ordinaries be sent in as soon as possible so that they will be issued in March. Also, remember, in this contest, only policies issued in March and paid-for not later than April 15th will be counted. Every ounce of energy you have must be put in this Campaign to make it a success.

Some districts stepped off to a real start in ordinary but have slackened towards the end. Each man has a goal to reach and each man is responsible for a specific amount of ordinary production. Be sure that you have done your share in this effort so that the Company will reach its goal.

Each man should move with high speed for more ordinary. The time is getting short. Let's have real action in the writing of ordinary applications from now to the finish!!

Yours very truly,

*H. T. Moody*  
Supt. of Agencies.







Our Quarters are on the Second and Third Floors



Daniel Webster, at the Top of the Entrance Stairs

THE BAR ASSOCIATION BUILDING, 21 SCHOOL STREET, BOSTON

-HERE FOR LUNCHEON-  
THURSDAY-MARCH 12-1942

THE DINING ROOM OF THE BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION

We Have An Average Attendance of About Ninety Lawyers Every Noon





REDUCES  
BRIGHT BEAM  
TO  
FAINT  
GLOW

ONE  
**BLACKOUT  
FLASHLIGHT  
HOOD**

SELF-ADJUSTING

FITS ALL SIZES

SLIPS ON OR OFF  
IN A MOMENT

BLOSSOM MFG. CO. NEW YORK



March 12<sup>th</sup> 1942

#### Beams Pick Up Plane

But overhead, mingled with the thousands of twinkling stars, was a small, red light drifting across the heavens. It was an observation plane. Our attention was called to it as we followed the beam of a searchlight, apparently from Medford, which traced the plane's course. Suddenly, from the other side of the town, another spotlight shot across the sky, and there, right over our heads, focused exactly where the beams of blue-white light crossed, was the plane. What a perfect target for anti-aircraft gunnery!

Not a car, not a person was sighted on any of the streets. The silence was more noticeable than in the early morning hours in the woods. Then came the long screechings of the siren, denoting that the test was over.

Silently, one by one, then dozens by dozens, lights once again began to twinkle. Street lights again blazed, and traffic began pouring through Belmont's many streets. A street car, stopped for the blackout, started groaning up Trapelo rd, and another freight could be heard in the distance. Belmont was again alive.

#### To Seek Warrant

Reports from wardens began to flow into the report center. With but one case, where a man deliberately refused to take part in the blackout, and a few instances where night lights were not properly guarded, the blackout was a success, Prof. F. W. Sears, blackout officer, pronounced. A warrant is to be taken out against the wilful offender today, it was stated.

As an example where one person had unknowingly violated the blackout regulations, air raid wardens, in checking back of buildings, found a glow coming from the back room of a chain store in Waverley sq. Police tried to locate the manager quickly without success and in the meantime covered the window to shut out the light. A faint gleam from an improperly drawn curtain at the report center proved embarrassing for the moment to officials when it was brought to their attention by a spotter across the street.

This was Belmont's second town-wide test of its civilian defense system, for two weeks ago it staged a simulated air raid at which time all the units in the organization were brought to the fore. Few civilians knew of the activities during this earlier test because it was done without fanfare. Everyone, however, took an active part in last night's successful demonstration.

## Darkness Shrouds Belmont and Five Neighboring Communities for Twenty Minutes. To Prosecute One Wilful Violator.

Through careful planning on the part of civilian defense officials and, with the exception of one household, a hundred percent co-operation from the community, Belmont's test blackout last night was pronounced perfect. The alarm which called for the dousing of all lights came promptly at nine o'clock, with the all-clear signal twenty minutes later.

Belmont joined with five other communities, Arlington, Lincoln, Waltham, Watertown and Weston, in this district to make a preliminary test to the major blackout which will occur in Metropolitan Boston, and possibly the whole state, on March 31. District Director Kenneth P. Miner was enthusiastic over Belmont's organization and thoroughness in meeting the demand for complete darkness.

Shortly before the appointed hour, members of the civilian defense auxiliary police and fire services were at their stations. Units of the police guarded all important structures, such as the Metropolitan Pumping Station on Alexander ave, the Municipal Light Department, defense headquarters and other public buildings. They also patrolled the streets and shut off all traffic which attempted to enter the area. For once even the broad Concord Turnpike was closed to all traffic.

Auxiliary firemen were in readiness to be in position to prevent the turning in of false alarms and to actually handle alarms for any fires which might occur during the test.

All was in readiness when the sirens began their wailing at exactly nine o'clock.

Observing from the top of the "Singing Tower" of the Belmont Methodist Church, this reporter watched a spectacle which has never before been seen in Belmont... a bright, busy community of five square miles suddenly going dark, almost as if wiped off the map, in the matter of a few seconds.

Belmont had been waiting for the alarm and when it came, it seemed as though everyone knew just what to do. Lights in living rooms and bedrooms dipped off into complete blackness; store lights, of which there were but few visible, blinked

off; and street lights faded into disappearance. One felt that a heavy, dark gray blanket had been carefully laid over the town, leaving but a rim of light around some of its edges. This circle of light came from communities, such as Cambridge, Boston, Brighton and Allston, which were not participating in the test.

Air raid wardens were busy. We saw one approach a home to warn the inhabitants that a light showed through a drawn curtain, but before he had a chance to tap on the window, the house went into darkness. In the matter of less than half a minute, there were no lights showing anywhere, with the exception of a red signal light at the Waverley crossing. Then we saw a long finger of light penetrating the night, heading towards Waltham. Then in the distance we heard a deep rumble, saw a few hazy puffs of whitish smoke, and knew it was a freight train. It was soon out of sight. Then all was darkness for the next fifteen minutes.



## *Now You See It — Now You Don't*



Effectiveness of Belmont's first blackout is shown in these two photographs taken a few minutes apart on March 12. The camera was placed at the junction of Common Street and Palfrey Road, facing into Cushing Square, to record this historic scene.

Top picture shows the busy square normally lighted at night. One minute after the first wailing of the sirens, calling for a complete blackout, was

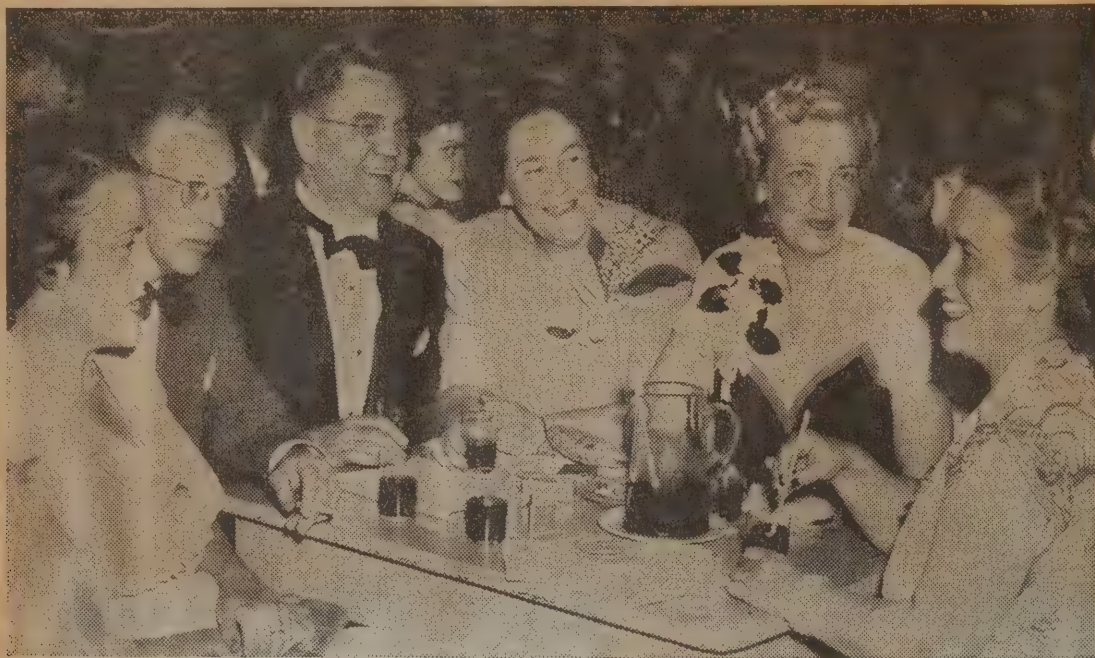
heard at nine o'clock, the photographer again clicked his camera and the picture below caught all the light which entered the lens in ten minutes' time. The building and trees at the left are silhouetted by reflected light, from Cambridge and Boston, and at the upper right the movement of stars across the heavens can be traced. Civilian Defense officials proclaimed it almost a perfect blackout. (Kenneth Hird photo)







**BLACKOUT—**



**ENJOYING POPS CONCERT**—Members and friends of the Guild of the Infant Saviour, whose night it was at the Pops Concert, included, left to right, Mrs. W. J. McDonald, Mr. McDonald, Dr. J. P. O'Hare, Mrs. O'Hare, Mrs. Arthur V. Grimes and Mrs. Thomas Carens, chairman of the Guild.



# Town's First Blackout

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 1942

Sheht late - downstairs - Refrigerator - Herald. Fat heat -  
fast - orange juice - corn flakes. Mushrooms on toast - to the  
Square with Frances. Mrs. Libby called for a ride in -  
Sulway - Goods at Cobb, Bates & Yerxa for John. Office -  
Rubbers & umbrella today + Office - work - out at 12.20  
to lunch with Everett Lane - to Boston Bar Assn -

31 School St. Lamb Chop. Beets - Milk - Orange -  
to Breck's - another dozen of narcissus Bulbs +  
to Corsetti's - to get the two pair of black shoes - had  
been half - sold. Office - Work. kept at 2.45 -

to Woolworth's - 5 Blackout Flashlight Hoods -  
Sulway to Kenmore Square. Visit to Tim O'Hare.  
Last time there was Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> Everything 100%  
O.K. At 4.35. Met Frances in front of the Hotel

Sheraton + Mrs. Libby with her - Home. A cup of tea -  
then - Ice Coffee. Girls out. Frances Cooking. Onion  
Soup. Filled Hamburg. French Fried Potatoes. Lettuce +  
Tomato Cucumber Salad. Russian Dressing + Rolls. Milk -

Baked Apple. Fixed the Bulbs. 8 new window shades  
arrived from <sup>RH</sup> White's - Peter helped me put them up.

Mary went down to the Augusts - David went down  
to Cambridge but soon back + At 9 o'clock - Belmont's  
first blackout - Test - quite exciting and it  
reminded of the thrill I had the nights before  
the Fourth when I was a kid +



Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1942

The regular routine - Creamed Cod fish  
for breakfast - to the Square with Frances -  
Helen Jameson along + Sulway + Dorothy  
Murrie for party for John + Office - Work -  
Out at 11.20 Sulway - to Bigelow towards -  
Walked out Boylston St. - a beautiful day -  
to the India House - met Everett Lane - had  
lunch - ear + Tamarind Cocktail - Shrimp  
Curry - Tea - Orange - Walked to Copley Square  
Bus to Congress St - Office - left at 3.45 -  
to Record shop for the week's Classical  
record + Bach's "Tocatta + Fugue in D Minor"  
Stokowski - Philadelphia Orchestra - to  
Rosen's + bought "Somebody Else is Taking my  
Place" played by Russ Morgan + to Woolworth's -  
Bought four small colored vases for Narcissus  
Bub<sup>l</sup> + Sulway. Harvard Square + met Frances. Helen  
Jameson with her. Home. Played the records +  
fixed the bulbs and the Calla lily + Ol. at the  
Square - to the Brattle Square Florists + bought a  
bouquet for Frances' Bureau - Poeticus + a  
purple Freesia + at six fifteen - Came too early -  
Gave me a ride into the Hotel Somerset - Attended  
the Founders Day Tea Dinner of Boston University -  
Had arranged for 144 table - Present Jack Higgins, Dave  
Donahue, Jim LVB, Sadie Ripner, Culman + husband,  
Sam, Susan, Jim Cavanaugh, B.L. Gorfinkel, Jerry Farmer.  
Home with tea + heard + to bed at 11.



LUNCHEON HERE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1942



## INDIA MENU

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(With all dinners except Student  
Special are served the following)

Tamarind Cocktail

Malabar Soup

Vadai, Copra, Chutney, Sambal,  
Salad, Drink and dessert

Student Special-----	.60
LAMB CURRY DINNER-----	.85
KOFTA CURRY DINNER-----	.85
EGG CURRY DINNER-----	.95
SHRIMP CURRY DINNER-----	.95
BOMBAY CHICKEN SALAD-----	1.10
BEEF KOURMA WITH RICE PILAF-----	1.10
CHICKEN CURRY-----	1.25
CHICKEN KOURMA WITH RICE PILAF-----	1.50
CHICKEN CURRY SPECIAL (Half Broiler)	1.75

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AMERICAN MENU

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LAMB CHOP DINNER----- .85

HALF BROILER (American Style)----- 1.75

DESSERTS

JELLABI

BANANA MALABAR

ALBERTA PEACHES

APRICOTS

APPLE PIE

BEVERAGES

TEAS: DARJEELING  
ASSAM  
JASMINE  
CEYLON  
GREEN  
ORANGE PEKOE

COFFEES:

AMERICAN  
ORIENTAL

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LUNCHEON HERE.

Friday, MARCH 13, 1942



# Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE  
160 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

Wednesday, March 4th, 1942

## CLASS OF 1911, BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Dear Classmate:

Last year we started the plan of getting together annually -- so we had a reunion at the annual dinner of the Law School Association -- 14 of us attended, had our own special table and had a swell time. We are going to repeat this year. Be sure you come this time. You are not getting any younger.

We will have our own table at the Big Founders' Day Celebration Banquet at the HOTEL SOMERSET, FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 13TH at 7 P.M. **Copy of announcement** is enclosed. Tickets are \$2.63 (don't ask me why this uneven price, probably something to do with the war). Make your check payable to Boston University and mail direct to me.

1911-1942 -- still full of the old pep? You will find plenty of it at the 1911 Round-up.

Sincerely yours,

*Joy R. Newton*

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure









**NOTABLES AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER**—Left to right, seated, Judge Frank W. Tomasello, Guy W. Cox, Pres. Daniel L. Marsh and Melvin M. Johnson. Standing, Francis Biddle, United States Attorney General, and Congressman John W. McCormack.



**B. U. FOUNDERS' DAY COMMITTEE**—Front row, left to right, Dean Melvin M. Johnson, chairman; Pres. Daniel L. Marsh; Asst. Dean Elwood H. Hettrick. Second row, left to right, Harold M. Bowman, Dean-Emeritus Homer Albers, Paul A. Dever, Charles A. Rome, Frank W. Tomasello, Raymond C. Blades. Rear row, Frederick W. Mansfield, Frank L. Simpson, Guy W. Slade.



*Josiah H. Benton, Jr.*, lectured on Corporations in general and Railroads in particular. The students all felt that he knew what he was talking about, for he was a highly prosperous attorney for railroads. Josiah Benton was a striking figure, of medium height, well-



groomed, nearly always wearing a high silk hat, with the rest of his attire in keeping. When he took time for a leisurely stroll he was generally accompanied by his Scotch terrier at his heels. He was a great attorney, and an unforgettable teacher. He over-awed his students and his associates. He was a born satirist and fighter. He must have been cold in manner and hot-headed when crossed; indifferent to the feelings of others, gruff and rough.

In his later years, he became a Trustee of the Boston Public Library and a Trustee of Boston University. He ruled the Library with a rod of iron. Likewise in the University, he was not only dominating but domineering. He was of the "rule or ruin" type. He resented it when Boston University was not suppliant before his every whim, and could not understand why the Board of Trustees as a whole should regard itself superior to one of its component parts,—particularly when he was the one part. Mr. Benton had disappeared from the scene of action before my time, but if I am correctly informed, his egotism, coupled with his inordinate ambition to have his own way, led him to forfeit the best opportunity he ever had to gain earthly immortality. If he had been big enough to overcome disagreement with a fellow member and to surmount an injury to his pride, he might have had his name announced in solemn glory at every Boston University Founders' Day Convocation to the end of time, and have had it carried forever with the distinguished Founders and Associate Founders in the official literature of the University. He forfeited his chance to make his money serve in and through this institution after he himself had "shuffled off this mortal coil": because he loved to have his own way more than he loved the University. No matter how big a man may appear to be, he is pretty small when he takes his spite out on a University in retaliation for a personal pique.





JOHN H. SULLIVAN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
TAUNTON, MASS.

March 6, 1942

Jay R. Benton, Pres.  
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jay:

I have your letter of March 4, 1942 asking me to attend the Founders' Day Dinner at the Hotel Somerset, March 13th at 7 P.M. I expect to be there, however regarding the Dinner ticket, this time I am slightly ahead of the game for I was invited by Dean Johnson, and he kindly enclosed a Complimentary Ticket to the Dinner. This, of course, admits me to a free dinner on B.U., while you fellows have to pay. This is the first time that I ever attended a B.U. Dinner which will cost me nothing.

I expect to be there on the evening of the 13th, and assure you that it will be a pleasure to sit in again with my classmates of 1911. With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours, -

JHS/bmm



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BOSTON, SUNDAY

## PLANNING BAR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION



Members of the Boston Bar Association planning for the annual convention of the American Bar Association to be held here in August. Back row, left to right—Daniel J. Lyne, Hon. Joseph F. O'Connell, John C. Jones, Jr., Charles F. Dunbar, Charles B. Barnes, Jr., James E. O'Connell and Edward M. Dangel. Front row, left to right—Col. Robert Goodwin, William T. A. Fitzgerald, Jay Benton, Bentley W. Warren and William M. Blatt.



## PLANNING FOR BAR CONVENTION



Members of the Boston Bar Association discussing plans for the annual convention of the American Bar Association to be held here in August. Left to right—Jay R. Benton, general chairman of the Boston committee; Bentley W. Warren, president of the Boston Bar Association and honorary chairman of the convention, and Willard B. Luther, Esq., head of the finance committee.

## Boston to Be Host to 4000 Lawyers At Bar Convention Next Month

Preparations to receive and entertain nearly 4000 men and women who will come to Boston in August to attend the annual convention of the American Bar Association are now underway. During the week of Aug. 17 the commissioners on uniform state laws will meet and the week following the general business of the association will be conducted. Convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Statler and the business sessions at Symphony hall.

The Boston Bar Association is in charge of arrangements and the raising of funds required to cover the entertainment costs. Bentley W. Warren, president of the Boston Bar Association, is honorary chairman, and Jay R. Benton is general chairman of the Boston committee, which has the local arrangements for the convention in charge. Willard B. Luther, Esq., heads the finance committee and is being assisted by Harvey H. Kundy, Francis J. Carney, Jacob J. Kaplan, Charles Steinson, Oliver Wolcott and John S. Whipple, secretary. Practically all the leading bar associations are co-operating and have appointed members to serve on the general committee.

### OTHER GROUPS AID

Edward M. Dangel and John G. Brackett are in charge of co-ordination and the following bar associations have already made committee appointments: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Barnstable county, Berkshire, Boston University

Law School, Bristol county, Cambridge, Fall River, Franklin county, Hampden county, Hampshire county, Lawrence, Law Society of Massachusetts, Lowell, Lynn, Newport, R. I., Norfolk, Peabody, Quincy, Salem, Somerville, Suffolk Law School Alumni Association, Taunton, Women Lawyers' Association of Massachusetts, Worcester county, Amesbury, and the Younger Members of the Bar.

A committee headed by Col. Frederick G. Bauer, will provide sight-seeing trips to the historic spots in and about Boston, and another committee, with Judge F. Delano Putnam in charge, is making arrangements for the guests to see the professional ball games. All the leading golf clubs in metropolitan Boston will be available to the guests.

Women members of the Boston association have made elaborate plans for the care and entertainment of the visiting women. Headquarters for the women will be in the Hotel Statler library, and tea will be served each afternoon. The entertainment will consist of sight-seeing trips, receptions, luncheon, fashion show, tea on the U. S. S. New Orleans at the navy yard, dinner and cabaret.

A similar week of entertainment is planned by the Ladies' Hospitality Committee for the wives of the commissioners of uniform state laws who will meet in Boston the week preceding the American Bar Association convention. The plans include luncheon and sightseeing in Cambridge, a luncheon at the Eastern Yacht Club at Marblehead Neck, and an all-day

Friday Morning,  
March 13, 1942

Mr. Nicholas Benton  
Box 534  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Nicholas:

I enclose another five dollars for you to use. The Blackout in Belmont last night was both exciting and amusing. "Puzzy" Burke out on his front steps hailed his perambulating father, an air raid warden, in the quiet of the pitch black night. "Oh, Daddy, let me try your air raid flash light!" "Sh-h-h". "Oh, Daddy, there's a light in Harrington's house. Go and tell them to put it out." "Sh-h-h. No, there isn't. I've been by there three times, it's just a reflection." "Yes there is, Daddy, it flickers on and off." "Be quiet, Puzzy, go back in the house and go to bed." Then Peter bellows out the window, "Hey, you, put out that cigar!"

Expect a letter will come from you about the time of your glee club concert tomorrow at Dana Hall. I am going to do my best to be there.

With Love,

JRE:BCC  
Enclosure



## **MUSICAL CLUBS TO SING AT DANA HALL ACADEMY**

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**Goodrich, Bullard to Solo as 90  
Students Participate; To  
Leave at 12.30**

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Tonight at 8.15 marks the beginning of this year's series of Glee Club concerts that terminates with the annual joint concert with Andover. All of the Musical Clubs, 90 boys in all, will make the trip down to Dana Hall, leaving about 12.30 this afternoon, and returning home at about 12.30 tonight.

The program for tonight's concert consists of six country dances of Beethoven, as rendered by the school orchestra, a group of numbers by the P. E. A. Glee Club, and it will conclude with two selections sung jointly by the two Glee Clubs.

There will be two soloists featured in tonight's concert. D. Wells Goodrich, in his second year as a soloist, sings a Scotch folksong called "Turn Ye to Me," while Ted Bullard has a short solo in the well-known "Spanish Ladies." The rest of the program will be, "Tullatula," a Finnish folksong, and two songs, "To All" and "Come Again," by Calcott and Dowland, respectively. The joint numbers are an "Alleluia" of Thompson, and Handel's "The Foolish Lover."



M E M O R A N D U M

SENT TO JOHN

CAMP EDWARDS

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MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

NEW YORKER

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH

LIEDERKRANZ CHEESE  
LOAF RYE BREAD FROM WURSTHAUS  
DEXTER CIGAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH

LOOK

THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

CAN OF RIPE OLIVES  
M & M'S  
ORANGE  
APPLE  
2 PIPPIN CIGARS  
"SPOT"

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

HALF DOZEN DOROTHY MURIEL'S DANISH PASTRIES  
YANKEE CIGAR  
LIFE  
COOS COUNTY DEMOCRAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

NEW YORKER

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A PARTY  
AT  
BILL GRAY'S  
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SATURDAY,  
EVENING,



MARCH - 14<sup>th</sup> 1942





# Three-Inch Snowfall

A late winter storm which brought a snow covering of some few inches to Greater Boston last night, caused many accidents and made driving conditions hazardous throughout the state.

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1942

First of snow for breakfast - Frances stayed in bed this morning - so I. to town all the way in the car - office - rubbers + umbrella. Started driving at 10 - Turned to snow all afternoon. Worked to 12:15 - To Cigar Counter for 125 film - to Cornett's for Fur - shoes - half - bathed - to Woolworth's in an attempt to get 8 small jars for narcissus bulbs - but no service. Subway - Harvard Square - to Woolworth's there - same no service - Frances came down to meet me at Church St. Home. Lunch - Onion Soup - Mushrooms on baked English Muffin. a bit of Spaghetti - a bit of cheese - milk - grape Fruit. Walked up to Cushing Square - Woolworth's and there I found 8 good jars for the bulbs - Home - put in the stones + placed the bulbs + to bed + rested all afternoon + Over to the Grays in Brookline at 6.45. With Frances + Mary in the latter's car + a large crowd. a lot of Navy People - also The Ned Spagnes - Fred McKeays, Cy. Barnes, Frank Balls + A fine Buffet Supper. Most played Bridge - listened to the Broadcast of the K. of C. mile from New York - Mc Mitchell defeated Dodds + English Dart Game with Pat. Gray + Snow storm - heavy - wet slush - fairly tough driving home. to bed at midnight +

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 1942

Woke up early and down for the Herald -  
Breakfast in bed - orange juice corn flakes -  
Baked Beans - Sausages - toast - Iced Coffee.  
Dressed at 9.30 and up to the attic and clearing  
out the south end - at it all morning -  
a tremendous job + the boys lugged many  
boxes and goods down cellar for me -  
Helene Janey came over at 12.30. Mary  
went into to give Jim a lift out - Camaraderie -  
I kept working off and on - Dinner at 2.30 +  
Roast Beef - I put the goods away down  
cellar - sorted out 4 large boxes of clippings  
etc - all afternoon + put the clippings away  
in the year boxes down cellar in the dark  
closet - had a hot tub bath at 7. I put  
in quite day, got a good work out, and  
feel tired. To Bed at 7.30. Frances made  
me up a snack supper + at 8, Hamburg +  
Lyonnaise Potatoes - lettuce salad - Toast -  
Milk. Grape Fruit. Much snow on the ground  
today! What a contrast to last Sunday  
when we sat out on the West lawn  
in the warm sun +





OUR ATTIC  
IS CLEARED  
AT LAST.  
SUNDAY,  
MARCH 15, 1942







The East Lawn.  
SUNDAY,  
MARCH 15, 1942





Monday Morning, March 16, 1942

Corporal John H. Benton  
Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Dear John:

Well, the attic is cleaned out at last -- it took me three Sundays to do it with little or no help from anybody else. Reckon you had a blackout yesterday according to the papers.

We went over to the Gray's Saturday night -- a gang there, including a lot of navy people -- slow for me being on the wagon and no smokes. Wet sticky snow came down and when we drove home at 11:30 there was eight inches of snow and slush on the streets. We had in mind running out to Dana Hall where Nicholas was singing with the Exeter Glee Club, but the storm prevented.

Had a Salvation Army luncheon at the Boston Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday; Vermont Association Executive meeting at 5; Thursday night Belmont Blackout, out to see Jim O'Hare that afternoon, everything O.K.; Annual dinner of B. U. Law School Association Friday night at the Hotel Somerset.

A few crocuses were showing their colors in the beds beside the Annex the middle of the week -- over the week-end beneath six inches of snow -- the vagary of New England weather.

Co-op Bank meeting tonight -- Pi Eta Grads' Night tomorrow -- I will get there about curtain rise; Wednesday, Directors' meeting.

I hope all goes well with you and that the hikes the paper spoke about are not too strenuous. If winter comes, can spring be far behind? Seems, if.

With Love,





CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Mon. Mar. 16, 1942

Dear Pete:

Many Thanks for your  
nice letter. It was good to  
hear from you. This weekend  
was very dull here. Last night  
we had a blackout and we  
all had to leave the barracks  
and go out into the woods. It  
was a fairly warm night,  
but raining hard and this  
made matters a bit un-  
comfortable. Right now it's  
beginning to clear here for  
the first time in days. It  
sure is good to see the sun  
again. Maybe now we'll



have some good weather for  
a change.

We'll, two more weeks  
and we'll be home again.  
By then spring should be  
well on the way. If we're  
around here next summer  
we'll have to make some  
of those Sunday morning  
trips to Nahant, hey?

Bill sends his best to  
you and all the gang.

Love

— John —





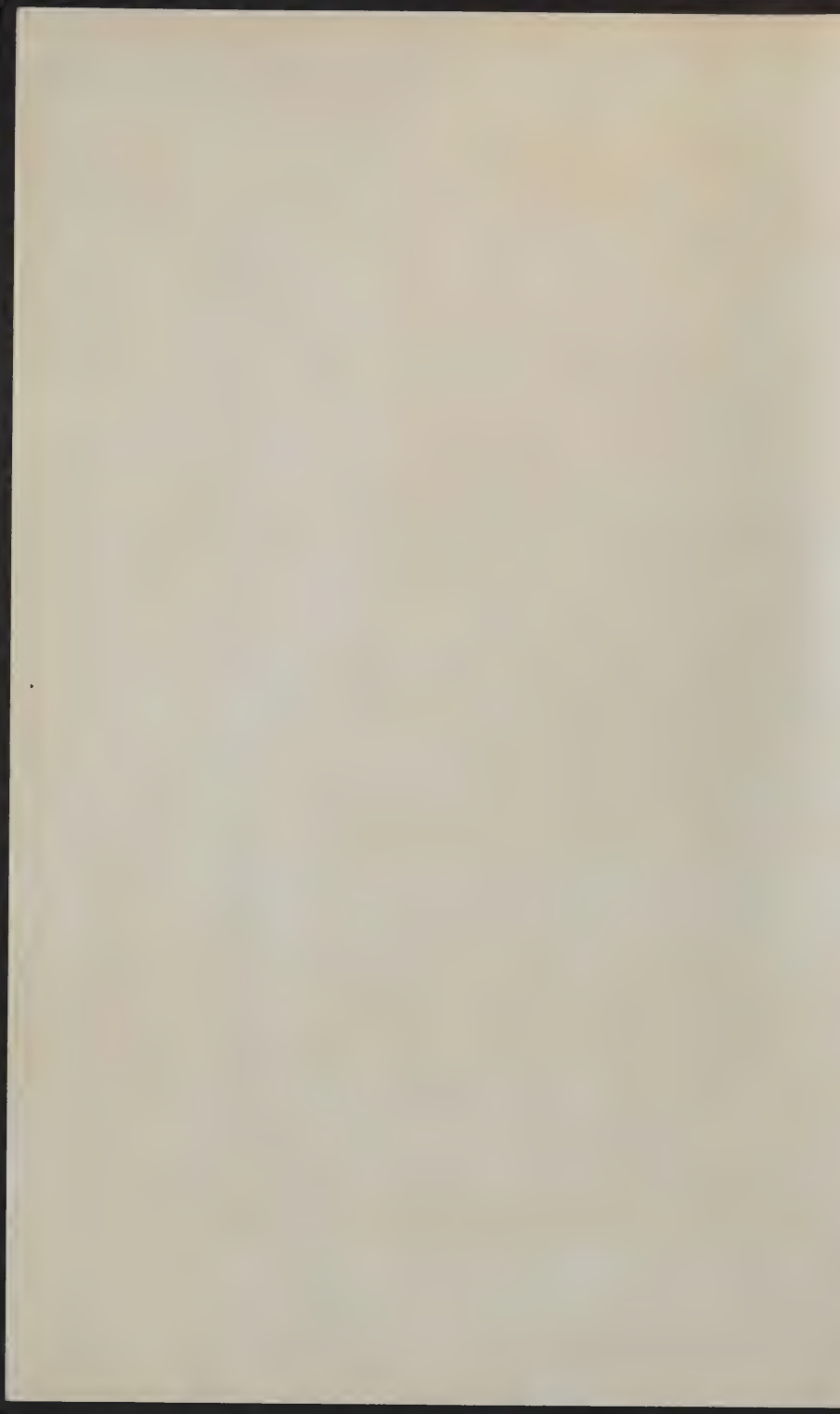


Monday -

Nov. 16, 1942

Dear Dad &amp; Mom -

I was sorry that you couldn't get out to the concert. I never had so much fun in all my life! And what pretty girls! Wow! There were about 5 girls to each boy. Each boy was assigned to one girl, who would show the boys around, and introduce them to other girls. My girl's name was Elinor Letts from North Kingston Rhode Island. She was snazzy. Remember 2 years ago when you were a judge at the costume party at dancing school. Remember the girl who was chosen ~~the pret~~ for her prettiness. You were just crazy about her and just wouldn't stop talking about her. Well, she was there, and I danced with her many times.



They had a mighty supper. and of course, the concert went well. When I got back, I was so tired.

Come home on March 27 and we are going to have "Johnny Eager" for a movie the night before.

"The Man Who Came to Dinner" will be at the University for a whole week beginning Sunday March 22. Don't miss it!!

dove,

Nick





Monday Morning, March 16, 1942

Mr. Nicholas Benton  
Box 534  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Nicholas:

It was a darn shame that I wasn't able to get out to Dana Hall to see you singing with the Exeter Glee Club -- but with your Mother and Mary over to the Grays for a buffet supper -- and then came the storm with eight inches of slush and sleet. I was somewhat concerned about your fifty mile bus ride back to Exeter in such conditions, but I calculate there were no mishaps.

Well, the attic is all cleaned out at last -- it took me three Sundays of solid work to accomplish it. Yesterday I started at 9:30, worked steadily to 2:30 -- then dinner for 45 minutes -- then worked to 7. When I was done upstairs and down in the cellar, a hot tub bath -- then I read papers, clipped, pasted, and listened to the radio. The light out at 12:30 and so to bed. Swish -- 6:45 A. M. No more shut eye. The Refrigerator Parade. And that's the news for now, except to say that the blue and white lawn chairs are now caparisoned with six inches of white snow.

With Love,





# WAVERLEY CO-OPERATIVE BANK

*30 Church Street, Belmont, Mass.*

JAMES R. LOGAN, President

JAY R. BENTON, Vice-President

WALTER E. BORIGHT Treasurer

March 2, 1942.

Mr. Jay R. Benton  
160 Congress St.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Benton,

As there is a Town Meeting on our usual night for Directors meeting on March 9th. it is probable that there will not be a quorum present.

We will therefore, adjourn the meeting until the following Monday, March 16th. at 8 P.M.

Very truly yours,

Waverley Co-operative Bank



WEB.M

W. E. Boright, Treasurer



Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 1942

Paid the first quarterly installment on my federal income tax today - Wow! Fried eggs & Bacon for breakfast. to the square with Frances & David. Mrs. Libby (Red Cross) called up for a ride in. Subway - Office - Work - out to lunch at 12. to the Post Office to mail my federal income tax return - to R. H. White's to order 2 window shades for Peter's Room + to the Ararat Cafe on 69 Carver St. Armenian - Had Koufta Soup - Shish Kebab - (Lamb broiled on skewers over charcoal) Barbecue style. Rice + wheat Piloff - Sliced tomatoes - Armenian Coffee + excellent food. to Huxley's on Tremont St. for jelly doughnuts to send John + to Chauncy St. a bunch of sweet peas for the office + to Woolworth's for glue, bicycle tape, electric bulb for Peter's flashlight, a can of nails, to Cigar Counter, 75 Federal St. left film, to C. of C. Counter - J.A. Cigar for John. to Sagers + in directions to install our Door Chimes + office - Real Estate Meeting. left at 4.15, to Brooks. 10 Pds of white stones - Subway - Square - Church St. Met Frances with her were Helen Johnson & Mrs. Libby. Home. Fixed the rest of the bulbs. Up stairs, Read, Dinner at 6.30 Soup. Sliced Cold Roast Beef. French Fried potatoes. Peas. Lettuce Salad. Cream of Tartar Biscuit. Fruit up. at 8 David drove me down to Waverly - Cooperative Bank Directors meeting. Charlie Morrow gave me a lift home. to bed at 9.45 +



David's Serial Number is T 224

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Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 1942

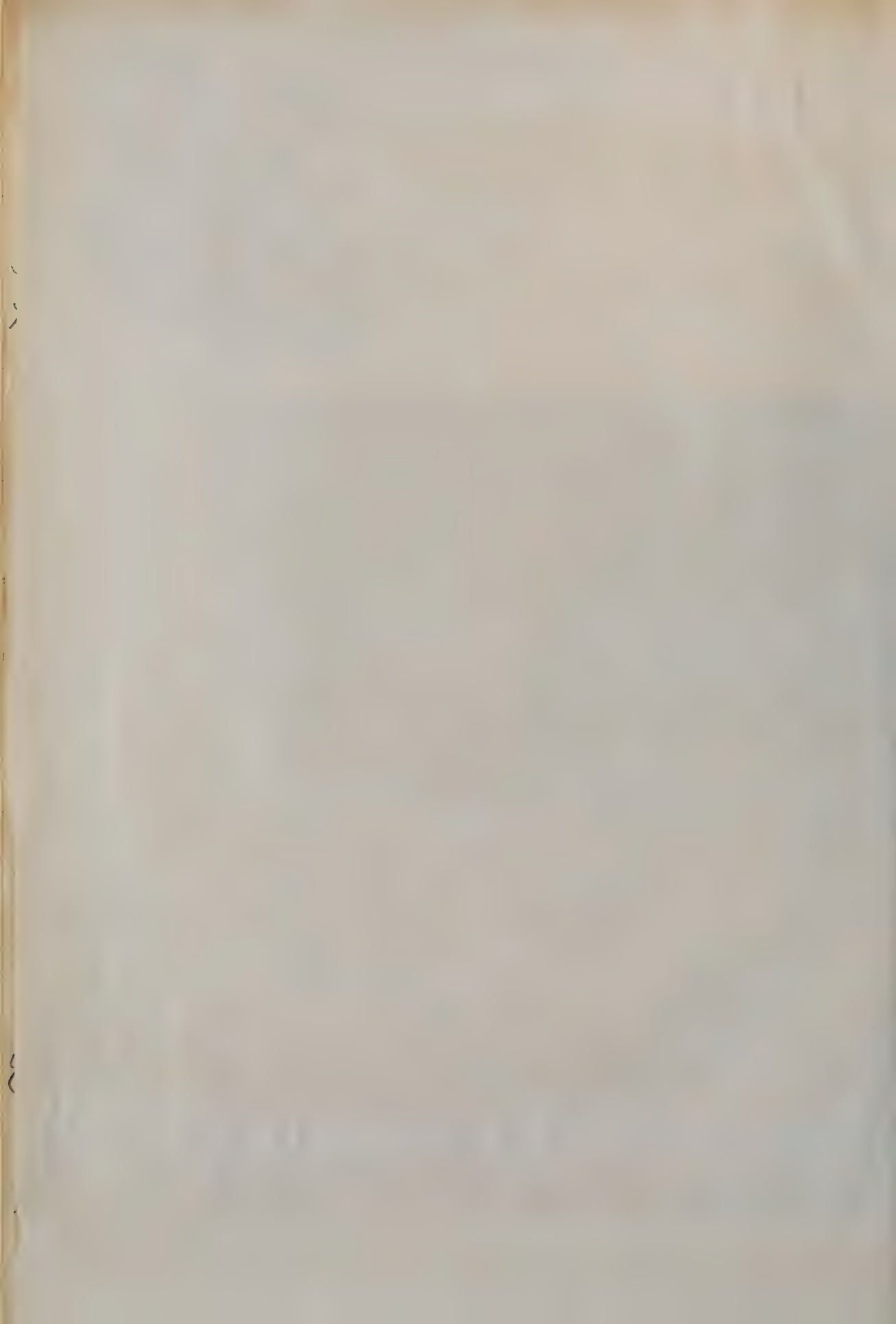
Rainy again, so it was rubbers & an umbrella - Fried eggs & Bacon for breakfast + to the Square with Frances. Helen Jameson with her + Sulray - office - Work - drafted Annual advt - Martin O'Leary - the elevator man, had left a green St. Patrick's day hat on my desk. Out to lunch at 12.20 with Everett Lane + to Tyson's and bought two tickets for "Louisiana Purchase" for Saturday's matinee. Ate at the Hotel Touraine - Baked Mackerel + On the way back stopped in at Jordans & White's looking at white toilet seats - at White's bought 2 red Air Raid Sand Pails and a special shovel. Back to the office - worked on special accounts + left at 4.15 - Sulray - Square. Met Frances at Church St. - Helen Jameson with her + At six listened to the drawing in the Draft Lottery - Girls out - Frances cooking - Pork Chop - Rested - at 8 - David drove me down to Cambridge - to Pi Eta's Grad Wigout - A good show - enjoyed myself - Sat with Everett Ditchfield + Bill Chick + Elected a member of the Advisory Committee. Home at 11.30 +



# The Great American Pork Chop



- FOR DINNER - MARCH 17, 1942 -





# Third National Selective Service Lottery

MARCH 17, 1942

NO. 3485 GOES DOWN IN HISTORY

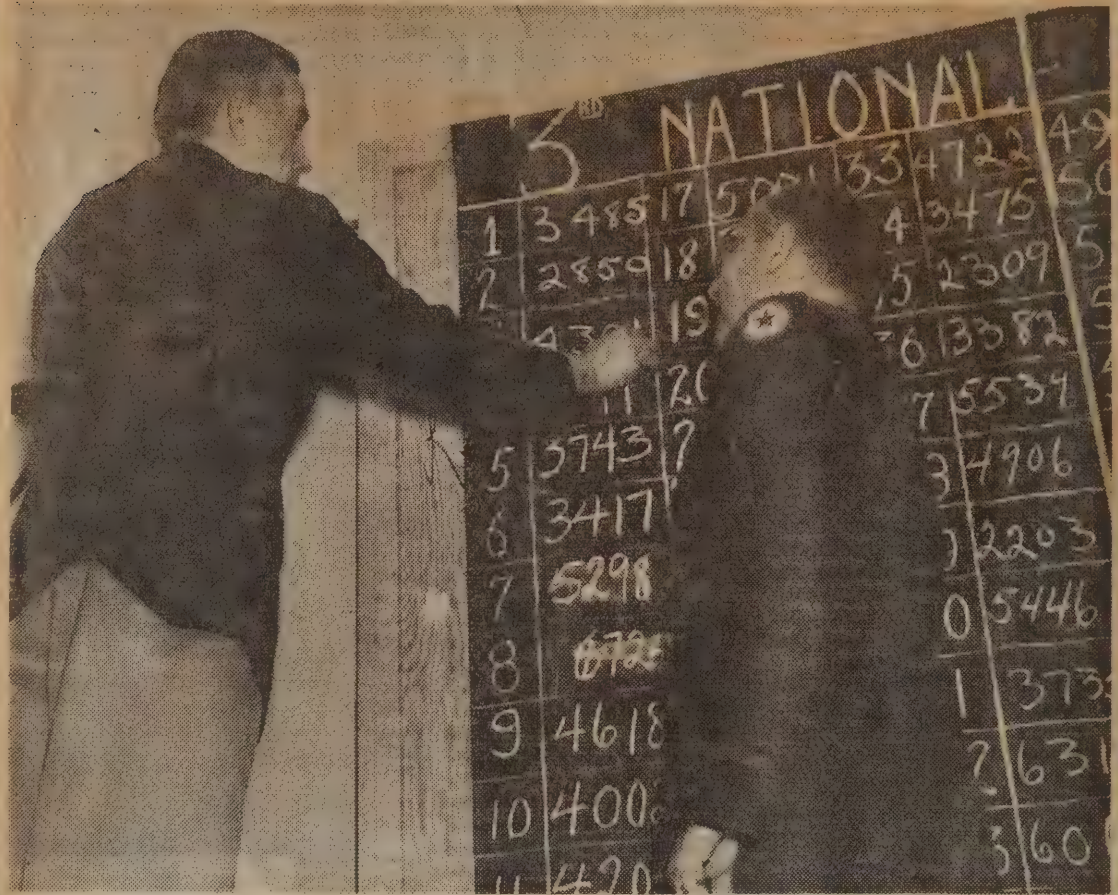


Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drawing capsule from the familiar fish bowl in Washington yesterday as the draft selection got under way. At the right is Colonel John D. Langston, who blindfolded Mr. Stimson.

Associated Press Wirephoto



# DRAFT NUMBERS RECORDED AT HEADQUARTERS HERE



Colonel Arthur V. McDermott, New York City director of Selective Service, chalking up the first figures as they were received from Washington.

The New York Times



Numbers left of dashes are serial numbers; italic numbers opposite show order of draw as it applies to New England men, as it applies in the National Lottery. Registrant should add T-10,000 to obtain number eventually assigned to him.

## T-1 to T-1000

DAVID'S NUMBER.

1-2215	101-1769	201-753	301-1992	401-2484	501-1950	601-920
2-1596	102-2549	202-542	302-1463	402-1253	502-1457	602-1521
3-989	103-2029	203-2463	303-2007	403-961	503-2303	603-417
4-2312	104-2554	204-428	304-1054	404-2166	504-373	604-1957
5-2597	105-974	205-1299	305-1091	405-579	505-2664	605-207
6-2235	106-399	206-943	306-2125	406-822	506-2718	606-11
7-914	107-1661	207-	307-2370	407-1261	507-695	607-440
8-598	108-1548	208-863	308-250	408-2709	508-2655	608-2271
9-1722	109-714	209-2587	309-441	409-1726	509-1866	609-589
10-1768	110-2415	210-2727	310-606	410-529	510-588	610-2724
11-2170	111-216	211-2308	311-1837	411-2306	511-519	611-2391
12-2620	112-1543	212-62	312-2186	412-1850	512-2533	612-2207
13-1843	113-962	213-321	313-2767	413-1132	513-934	613-1045
14-848	114-1771	214-1737	314-2615	414-2618	514-2363	614-181
15-1732	115-2399	215-1229	315-2778	415-1538	515-2781	615-1330
16-2610	116-2690	216-2065	316-1419	416-2447	516-2768	616-626
17-1126	117-2763	217-882	317-1208	417-1137	517-2168	617-1590
18-2678	118-2499	218-1115	318-1047	418-208	518-75	618-237
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21-1563	121-1552	221-2819	321-1244	421-483	521-2621	621-2181
22-2461	122-1891	222-1785	322-1882	422-824	522-2211	622-2479
23-2268	123-1070	223-614	323-2364	423-702	523-1556	623-1656
24-591	124-998	224-1136	324-68	424-1698	524-2712	624-2073
25-382	125-2673	225-2702	325-634	425-2590	525-1679	625-2510
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27-1903	127-1397	227-902	327-1489	427-2252	527-2147	627-530
28-1777	128-355	228-436	328-1205	428-1731	528-2089	628-198
29-2107	129-13	229-744	329-2518	429-2012	529-673	629-1849
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31-71	131-42	231-2155	331-644	431-2105	531-1209	631-1612
32-2603	132-1041	232-1404	332-1187	432-2665	532-472	632-241
33-170	133-485	233-67	333-2647	433-2624	533-1627	633-1778
34-745	134-1520	234-1931	334-2508	434-2217	534-727	634-247
35-2087	135-1491	235-1089	335-1398	435-2189	535-2213	635-672
36-2014	136-1854	236-883	336-2482	436-1258	536-499	636-34
37-1925	137-1349	237-2118	337-2578	437-244	537-18	637-1584
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39-438	139-2179	239-233	339-2670	439-707	539-1658	639-1546
40-273	140-1296	240-1636	340-1757	440-2407	540-939	640-2496
41-1677	141-508	241-2507	341-2451	441-1	541-1942	641-708
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45-2468	145-549	245-1367	345-45	445-109	545-1978	645-361
46-2269	146-371	246-670	346-792	446-889	546-463	646-1153
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50-2146	150-2780	250-2465	350-896	450-1475	550-2025	650-1645
51-372	151-2400	251-536	351-1923	451-960	551-2744	651-468
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54-55	154-1177	254-166	354-2043	454-2623	554-711	654-1440
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CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Tue. Mar. 17, 1942

Dear Family:

Seven A.M. and the old  
rain is just belting down, and  
we have an eight mile  
march coming up today!

Yesterday my time  
was spent at Intelligence School  
in the morning and at  
"Maintenance of Materiel" in  
the afternoon (truck cleaning).  
Last night Bill and I saw  
a punk movie called  
"No Hands on the Clock".

Such were yesterday's activities.  
Right now we're

watering to Carl Moore singing  
McNamara's Band. Very appropriate  
for St. Patrick's day. By the  
way, be sure to wish  
Kathleen and Jane a happy  
St. Pat's day for me. Carl is  
now reading the birthdays.

Had some delicious  
poached eggs for breakfast  
this morning. Began it with  
one of the delicious seedless  
oranges Dad sent down. Tasty!  
Milk and coffee completed the  
meal. They also had some  
corn meal mush, but I  
passed that up.

Seven ten now and I  
must be off to school.

Love to everyone

— John —







"Now We'll Go Places"

YIPPEE



MARCH 17, 1942



**QUIET!**



**LOOSE TALK**

**CAN COST LIVES**

# Café Royal

Hotel Touraine  
Boston



Luncheon Here,  
Tuesday,  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 1942

# A La Carte

## Appetizers

Clam Juice Cocktail 20  
Little Neck Clams 45  
Seafood Cocktail 80  
Small Shrimp Cocktail 50  
Large Shrimp Cocktail 65

Steamed Ipswich Clams 70  
Cranberry Juice Cocktail 20  
Small Crabmeat Cocktail 60  
Large Crabmeat Cocktail 85

Cherrystone Clams 50  
Tomtao Juice Cocktail 15  
Lobster Cocktail 90  
Fruit Cocktail 30  
Cape Oysters 45

## Relishes

Canape of Anchovies 60  
Ripe Olives 25  
Sardines in Olive Oil 60  
Hors d'Oeuvres Touraine 85

Queen Olives 30  
Celery 30

Salted Nuts 35  
Radishes 25

Stuffed Celery 60

Salmi 50

Antipasto 60  
Crab Ravigote 75  
Smoked Salmon 65  
Stuffed Olives 40

## Soups Served in Tureen

Beef or Chicken Consomme 25  
Petite Marmite, Parisienne 60  
Clear Green Turtle 60

Puree Tomato 25  
Mock Turtle 40  
Puree Mongole 35

Onion Soup au Gratin 40  
Cream of Tomato 35  
Puree of Split Peas 30

Chicken Gumbo 35  
Essence of Tomato 25  
Clam Broth 30  
Chicken Okra 45

Served in Cup 10c less

## Fish

Oyster Stew 80, with Cream 90

Crabmeat au Gratin 1.00

Broiled Halibut, Paprika Potatoes 90

Baked Lobster in Shell Thermidor 1.35

Lobster Stew 1.15

Codfish Cakes 50

Fried Clams 70

Salt Codfish in Cream 65

Fried Filet of Sole with Cole Slaw 80

Filet of Sole, Bonne Femme 85

Finnan Haddie, Scotch Style 80

Broiled or Boiled Large Lobster on request

Brook Trout, Meuniere 95

French Fried or Boiled Potato Served with the Above Orders

## Eggs

POACHED— (2) Plain 35 (2) Florentine 65

(2) Creole 60

Benedict (1) 50

SHIRRED— (2) Plain 35 (2) Bercy 65

(2) Princess 65

(2) Meyerbeer 65

SCRAMBLED— (3) Plain 50 (3) with Mushrooms 75 (2) with Ham 75

(2) with Bacon 65

OMELETTE— (3) Plain 50 (3) with Tomato 65

(2) with Chicken Livers 75

(2) with Currant Jelly 60

(2) Spanish 65

## Savories

Yorkshire Buck 70 Welsh Rarebit 60 Golden Buck 70 Long Island Rarebit 65 Scotch Woodcock 65

## Chafing Dishes

Lobster a l'Americaine, Baked Rice 1.60 Lobster Newburg 1.75 Crabmeat Maryland en Coquille 1.25

Deep Seafood, Newburg 1.60

Fresh Shrimps au Curry a l'Indienne 1.35

Chicken a la King 1.50

Spaghetti Bolognaise 80

Lamb Kidneys and Mushrooms Bercy 80

Emince of Beef Tenderloin a la Deutsch 1.10

Escalloped Chicken and Virginia Ham 1.60

## Entrees

Supreme of Chicken Sultana 1.75

Lamb Chops (2) Maison d'Or 1.50

Fresh Mushrooms, Broiled 75; in Cream under Glass 90

Veal Chop Breaded, Spaghetti Milanaise 95

Chicken Saute Touraine 1.75

Veal Cutlet, Holstein 90

Chicken Livers en Brochette 80

Filet Mignon Cafe Royal 2.00

Milk Fed Chicken, Hunter Style 1.60

Chicken Patty a la Reine 90

Pan Fried Chicken, Dixie 1.60

Lamb Chop Mixed Grill 1.00

Broiled Sweetbread, Virginia Ham, Mushrooms 1.50

Grilled Boned Squab Chicken with Banana and Pineapple, Florida 1.75

Chicken Maryland (Half) 1.60

Broiled Fresh Honeycomb Tripe 80

## Steaks, Chops

Lamb Steak 1.10

Virginia Ham 1.10

T-Bone Steak 2.15

Lamb Chop (1) 50, (2) 90

Veal Chop 80

Ham 70

Hamburg Steak 85

Pork Chop (1) 50, (2) 90

Steak Minute 1.60

Sirloin (for one) 1.85, Sirloin Steak (for two) 3.50

Broiled Veal Kidney 75

Porterhouse Steak (for two) 3.50

Pork Tenderloin 90

Tenderloin (for one) 1.70

Lamb Kidneys with Bacon (3) 80

Tenderloin (for two) 3.25

Calf's Liver with Bacon 85

Rasher of Bacon (two slices) 20

Rump Steak (for one) 1.40

Sugar Cured Ham Steak 90

Steak Tartar 1.50

Casserole or Planked Service 50c per person

Additional charge for Room Service of 5 cents per portion





Massachusetts Old Age Assistance Tax 5%

## Luncheon

Manhattan Clam Chowder .....	Cup 20	Puree of Tomato Neapolitan .....	Cup
Essence of Celery Maderlene .....	Cup 15	Consomme Printaniere .....	Cup
Strained Gumbo or Creole .....	Cup 20	Clam Broth with Cream .....	Cup
Cape Oyster Stew (to order) .....	75	Beef or Chicken Bouillon .....	Cup

## TO-DAY'S SPECIALS

Served from 11:30 A. M. to 5. P. M.

Fried Fillet of Sole, Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potatoes, Garden Salad 65

Shirred Eggs with Chicken Livers au Maderia, Asparagus Tips 75

Roast Chicken, Dressing, Mould Potato, Squash, June Peas 75

Rolls

Rye Bread

Whole Wheat Bread

Coffee

Tea

Milk

## PLATE LUNCHEONS

(Ready)

Served from 11:30 A. M. to 5. P. M.

Fried Cape Scallops, Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potatoes, Garden Salad 95

Middle Rib of Beef Braised with Risotto, Cheese, Asparagus Tips 80

Broiled Boston Schrod, Lemon Butter, Au Gratin Potatoes, New Lima Beans 85

Roast Duckling, Dressing, Braised Celery, Sweet Potato and Pineapple Ring 1.20

Lobster Balls, Curry Sauce, Steamed Rice, Fried Apple, New Peas 85

Roast Sirloin of Beef au Jus, Mould Potato, New Green Peas 1.30

Baked Fresh Mackerel, Sicilienne, Tomato, Garlic Flavor, Egg Plant, French Fried Onions 85

Mutton Chop Saute a l'Estragon, Parisienne Potatoes, Asparagus Tips 80

Ham and Eggs Country Style, French Fried Potatoes, Spinach 85

Open Chicken Salad Sandwich, Sliced Tomato, Mixed Pickles 75

Rice Pudding with Cream

Lemon Jelly, Whipped Cream

Choice of Ice Cream or Sherbet

Rolls

Rye Bread

Whole Wheat Bread

Coffee

Tea

Milk

## LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

Essence of Celery Maderlene

Mixed Fruit Cup

Tomato or Clam Juice

Lobster Salad Plate, Mayonnaise, Egg, Tomato, Thin Fried Potatoes 1.15

Fresh Vegetable Hash Browned, Dropped Egg, Fried Oysters 80

Seafood a la Newburg in Pattie Shell, French Fried Potatoes, New Peas 90

Half Calavo Pear, Grapefruit, Orange, Red Peppers, Cream Cheese Sandwich 80

Fresh Mushrooms Saute au Madeira, Toast, Julienne Potatoes, Bacon Strip 90

Omelette with Seafood a la Newburg, French Fried Potatoes 90

Rolls

Rye Bread

Whole Wheat Bread

Coffee

Tea

Milk

## COOKED TO ORDER

Charcoal Broiled Live Chicken Lobster, Melted Butter, French Fried Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes 95

Charcoal Broiled Half Guinea Chicken, Julienne Potatoes 1.35

Charcoal Broiled Squab, Two Strips of Bacon 1.30

Broiled Tenderloin Steak, Bordelaise Sauce, French Fried Potatoes, New Lima Beans 1.10

Brook Trout Belle Meuniere, Julienne Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes 85

Lamb Chop Grilled, Bacon Strip, Pineapple Ring, French Fried Potatoes, New Peas 85

Broiled Honeycomb Tripe, Mustard Sauce, Baked Potato Paprika 85

Filet Mignon of Beef with Stuffed Tomato, Parisienne Potatoes 2.00

Rolls

Rye Bread

Whole Wheat Bread

Coffee

Tea

Milk

IMPORTED SCOTIAN GOLD APPLE JUICE 15 CENTS

This Room is Air Conditioned for Your Comfort

## - Special Dinners -

PRICE OF ENTREE INCLUDES FULL COURSE DINNER

Tomato, Apple or Clam Juice  
Mixed Fruit Cup

V-8 Cocktail  
Manhattan Clam Chowder

Cape Oyster or Shrimp Cocktail  
Beef or Chicken Bouillon

Market Celery

Mixed Olives

### - ENTREES -

Filet of Lemon Sole Glace Marguery, Oyster, Shrimp, Potato, New Peas 1.35  
Roast Sirloin of Beef, Delmonico Potatoes, Broccoli in Butter 1.75  
Fried Cape Scallops, Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potatoes, Bacon Strip 1.30  
Sliced Veal Pan Fried, Egg Noodles, Fried Egg, Brown Butter 1.30  
Chicken Halibut Steak Broiled or Meuniere, Allumette Potatoes, New Peas 1.35  
Roast Duckling, Dressing, Braised Celery, Sweet Potato and Pineapple Glace 1.50  
Brook Trout Any Style, Allumette Potatoes, Beets 1.25  
Middle Rib of Beef Braised with Risotto, Cheese, Asparagus Tips 1.25  
Sweetbreads Breaded Maryland, Bacon, Corn Fritter, Sweet Potato Croquette 1.70  
Filet Mignon of Beef, Stuffed Tomato, Parisienne Potatoes 2.25

Dandelion and Endive Salad

### - DESSERTS -

Rice Pudding with Cream			Lemon Jelly, Whipped Cream
Chocolate Cream Pie		Cream Horn	Pineapple Pie
Rhubarb Pie			Apple Pie Pastry
Half Grapefruit	Cheese and Crackers	Pineapple	Choice of Ice Cream or Sherbet
Coffee	Tea	Milk	Split of Ginger Ale or Moxie

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Fresh Artichoke	Hollandaise 40	Fresh Endive Salad 35			Fresh Dandelion Salad 35

### - TODAY'S DESSERTS -

Rice Pudding with Cream 15			Lemon Jelly, Whipped Cream 15
Chocolate Cream Pie 20		Cream Horn 10	Pineapple Pie 20
Rhubarb Pie 20		Apple Pie 20	Fresh Stewed Rhubarb 15
Pie a la Mode (Extra Charge) 10		Home Made Cookies 10	French Pastry 10
Macaroons 15	Angel Cake 15	Lady Fingers 15	Brownies 10
Grapefruit 15	Baked Apple 15	Fresh Strawberries and Cream 40	Fresh Strawberry Shortcake 40
		Cup Custard 15	

### - ICE CREAM SPECIALS -

Maple Supreme 15-20	Vanilla 15-20	Fresh Strawberry 15-20
Chocolate 15-20	Coffee 15-20	Lemon, Raspberry or Orange Sherbet 15-20

Since Guests are not paged in this Dining Room, those expecting calls are requested to give their names to the hostess.





### Service per Person

## Potatoes

Delmonico Potato 30	Mashed Potatoes 20	Boiled Potato 15	French Fried 20
Lyonnaise 25	Rissolle 25	Saute 25	Souffle 40
Cottage Fried 25	Au Gratin 25	Provencale 30	Julienne 20
Sweet Potatoes:—Fried 20	Broiled 25	Hashed Brown 20	O'Brien 30
		Candied 30	Hashed in Cream 25
			Florida 35

## Vegetables

Buttered Beets 25	Stuffed Tomato 40	Fresh Spinach 25, Creamed 35	New String Beans 36
New Peas 30	Carrots 25, in Cream 35	Stewed Tomatoes 25	Broccoli any Style 45
Boiled Onions 25		Corn Fritters 40	Stuffed Green Pepper 40
Cauliflower, Butter Sauce or Hollandaise 40		Tomato Provencale 35	French Fried Onions 35

### Cold Buffet

Virginia Ham and Chicken 1.50					
Sugar Cured Ham 80	Roast Beef 1.25	Sliced Chicken, White Meat 1.40	Assorted Meats 1.25, with Chicken 1.40		
Smoked Beef Tongue 90		Crab Flake Salad 1.25	Tartar Steak 1.50	Corned Beef 90	
Lobster Salad 1.35	Chicken Salad 1.35	All White Meat 1.60		Virginia Ham 1.15	
	Potato Salad Served with above			Shrimp Salad 1.25	

## Sandwiches

Tongue 50	Ham 40	Roast Beef 80	Corned Beef 45	Chicken 55
Sardine 50	American Cheese 25		Ham and Egg 50	Virginia Ham 65
Lettuce 30	Egg 30	Ham and Swiss Cheese 45	Club 80	Swiss Cheese 35

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Cole Slaw 25; with Bacon Dressing 40	Fruit 60	Fresh Fruit 75	Chef's Salad Bowl 70
Hearts of Lettuce 35	Potato 25	Chicory 35	Romaine 35
Waldorf 50	Asparagus Tips, Sliced Egg, Tomatoes 75	Chiffonade 50	Calavo Pear with Durkee Dressing 60
Combination 40	Lobster 1.35	Sliced Cucumber 30	Tomato 30
			Chicken 1.35
DRESSINGS: Thousand Island 15; Russian Bleu Cheese 25			

## Pastry and Desserts

Layer Cake 20	Brownies (1) 15	Custard 15	Assorted Cakes 25
Rice Pudding 15, with Cream 25		Eclair 10	Plain or Fruit Cake 20
Macaroons 20			Lady Fingers 20

### Ice Creams, Ices

Sultana Roll, Claret Sauce 35		Orange, Lemon or Raspberry Sherbet 20
Caramel or Pineapple Nut Sundae 30	Meringue Glace 35	Frozen Nesselrode Pudding 30
Coffee, Chocolate, Vanilla Ice Cream 20		Chocolate Parfait 35

## Fruit and Preserves

Sliced Pineapple 25      Strained Honey 25      Grape Jelly 25      Strawberry or Raspberry Preserves 25  
Banana (1) 10; with Cream 20      Figs in Syrup 25; with Cream 30      Whole Orange 15  
Orange Marmalade 25, Guava Jelly 25

## Cheese

American 15  
Liederkranz 25

Swiss Gruyere 35  
Bleu Cheese 25

Cream Cheese 20; with Jelly 35  
Swiss Cheese 35

Coffee, Tea

Coffee with Cream 20	Cup 10	Sanka Coffee (97% Caffeine Free) 25	Demi Tasse 10
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1942 PI ETA THEATRICALS

**"BLONDES FOR DEFENSE"**

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ANNUAL GRADS NIGHT

Tuesday, March 17, 1942

DINNER AND SHOW

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**OTHER PERFORMANCES**

Thursday, March 19th, Friday, March 20th

Saturday, March 21st

Tickets on Sale at Harvard Coop.,  
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# "BLONDES FOR DEFENSE"

Dear Grads:

From Pearl Harbor to Portland, Maine, the cry is "Bonds for Defense." From Brattle Square to Harvard Square the shouts are "Blondes for Defense." There'll be more legs and laughter, thrills and chills for you grads on Tuesday, the 17th of March, than ever before.

Pi Eta, always up to the minute, presents this year its beautiful and shapely chorus in the role of the Women's Defense Corps. Dave Conroy '39, author of last year's "Out of Line," has again come through with a smash hit. With Bob Gibson's contagious music and Dickie Dorr's "I've Been Around" new successor to last year's "Love Comes Easy to Me," "Blondes for Defense" can't miss being the hit of the decade.

So confident are we that this year we are not only chancing an extra public performance on Thursday but are also presenting it for the soldiers at Fort Devens on Wednesday night.

Don't miss Paul Anderson's twelfth production. Put your defense troubles away for a night and forget the income tax you've just paid. We'll see you for supper March 17th.

Yours for Pi Eta,

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124 Federal Street, Boston

Pi Eta grads will see many familiar names on the list on the next page. Have you a prospect for membership? The undergraduate officers will welcome suggestions or names to look up and at a recent meeting announced each group taken in to the Club this year has included at least one son of a Pi Eta Grad. Let us all do our part.

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The Pi Eta Club of Harvard cordially invites you to be a patroness for its 72nd annual show, "Blondes for Defense", which it will present on March 19-21 at the Club House, 1 Winthrop Square, Cambridge.

Rather than donate the proceeds to a charity as has been the custom in preceding years, the members have voted to finance a performance for the soldiers at Fort Devens on March 18.

The subscription for the Friday evening performance and the dance which follows is \$2.75 (tax included). For the Saturday performance \$1.65 (tax included), and for the Thursday night performance \$1.10 (tax included). Tickets may be obtained by sending us the enclosed card.

Your patronage in our effort will be greatly appreciated by the Club and, we are sure, by the soldiers themselves.

Yours truly,

*Daniel Hedham Jr.*  
(Pres.)

## Pi Eta Club Show Patronesses Chosen

The Pi Eta Club of Harvard has announced the patronesses for its 72d annual show, "Blondes for Defense," which will be presented before the soldiers at Fort Devens March 18 and publicly at the Pi Eta clubhouse, 1 Winthrop Square, Cambridge, March 19-21.

The patronesses include Mrs. James L. Gamble, Mrs. George A. Morin, Mrs. William H. Latimer, Mrs. Frank D. Pitts, Mrs. Robert Loomis, Mrs. Ray C. Dreher, Mrs. E. P. Miller, Mrs. Harold F. Miles, Mrs. A. Russell Ellis, Mrs. F. Leon Foster, Mrs. Harrison F. Lyman, Mrs. Philip H. Bunker, Mrs. James G. Hays, Mrs. Nathan Garrick, Mrs. Daniel Needham, Mrs. Henry C. Hopewell and Mrs. Andrew W. Welch.

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## Name Patronesses for Harvard's Pi Eta Club Show

The Pi Eta Club of Harvard has announced the patronesses for its 72d annual show, "Blondes for Defense," which will be presented before the soldiers at Fort Devens on Wednesday and publicly at the Pi Eta clubhouse, 1 Winthrop sq., Cambridge, Thursday through Saturday.

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March 5, 1942

Daniel Needham, Jr.  
President, Pi Eta Club  
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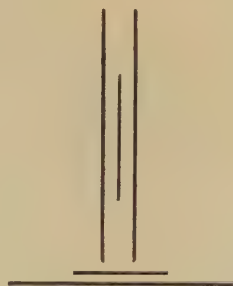
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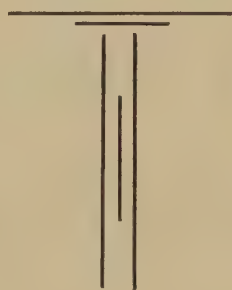
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*Staged at*

*Pi Eta Club House - 1 Winthrop Square  
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*AND*

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Fort Devens*



## In Defense of "Blondes"

This winter the stalwart men of Pi Eta cast an apprehensive glance at bursting war clouds, hoisted an umbrella, and voted that the show must go on. The umbrella immediately started leaking.

Veteran Director Paul Anderson found last years crop of exceptional talent wiped out by the University's speed-up program. As rehearsals progressed, no leading man was forthcoming. When one finally appeared, and all seemed dry, the umbrella sprang two large leaks: the leading lady's draft board beckoned, and the Dean's Office shook its hoary head at another of the principals.

As time flew by, Director Anderson greyed under the burden of playing four parts in rehearsals and supervising the other ten, while at the same time drilling the chorus and setting the stage. So we threw away the umbrella and decided to work in the rain. An SOS was sent out and was answered readily by recent graduates. Only with their cooperation and the patient perseverance of Paul Anderson has Pi Eta been able to produce this, its 72nd annual show.

The first Pi Eta show was presented to the public seventy-one years ago. If you look around the hallowed and dusky walls of the playhouse you will see posters and relics from the shows of days gone by. In all these years, however, Pi Eta can hardly claim to have achieved the ultimate in art. Art has always suffered in order that the players as well as the playgoers may enjoy the show. The plot, the music, the dialogue, the scenery have all been created from talent within Pi Eta itself. Perhaps the shows owe their long continuance to the pleasure received from creating something theoretically new and different each year.

This year, for the first time since the nineteen - twenties, the Pi Eta show leaves Cambridge - but only for a day. Cast, chorus, director, orchestra, and stagehands will take "Blondes for Defense" intact to Fort Devens and stage a special performance for the soldiers, hoping fervently that the gay costumes of the chorus and the Harvard accents of the cast will not clash too violently with the Army's olive drab and the jargon of the first sergeants.

The shows are best enjoyed and appreciated when the story behind the scenes is known: Madame Ella painstakingly fits every gown to each ungainly masculine figure; the sweating chorines work out each step so deliberately in the wee hours of the morning; the industrious stage crew litters up the playhouse floors with each home-made set; the manager groans as the inevitable bills roll in, but still the show goes on.

This year appropriately, Pi Eta has gone military, but only playfully - so lean back in your chair, watch "Blondes for Defense," and give your war nerves a rest.



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## Synopsis of Scenes

### ACT I

- Scene 1.* Blake's Living Room—evening.  
*Scene 2.* Same—Later in the evening.  
*Scene 3.* Street  
*Scene 4.* Blake's Living Room The Following Day.

### ACT II

- Scene 1.* Public Auditorium — Afternoon  
*Scene 2.* Office of "Aid For All" — Late Afternoon  
*Inter-Scene:* Ballet  
*Scene 3.* The "Chez Tamale"

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## Cast of Characters

(in order of appearance)

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<i>Betty Blake</i> .....	Richard L. Whittemore
<i>Al Blake</i> .....	Nathan Garrick
<i>Hepzibah</i> .....	John P. Bunker
<i>J. G. Brown</i> .....	John W. Hird II
<i>Alice Brown</i> .....	Richard H. Segnitz
<i>Mr. Thorndike</i> .....	James Donald
<i>Diane Carter</i> .....	William L. Hewes
<i>Eck Johnson</i> .....	Thomas A. Rogstad
<i>Scoop</i> .....	Harry O'Hare
<i>Flash</i> .....	Charles H. Morin
<i>Marcel</i> .....	Robert P. Hopewell
<i>Kurt</i> .....	John W. Sullivan
<i>Hans</i> .....	Samuel C. May
<i>Fritz</i> .....	John W. Hird II
<i>Voice of Lincoln</i> .....	Harrison F. Lyman Jr.
<i>Voice of Washington</i> .....	G. Lyman Snow
<i>Waiter</i> .....	F. Leon Foster
<i>Bartender</i> .....	Robert P. Hopewell



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<i>Manager</i>	.	.	.	.	RUSSELL W. ELLIS '42
<i>Stage Manager</i>	.				FRANKLIN B. McKECHNIE '42
<i>Assistant Stage Manager</i>	.				JOHN W. KLAGES '44
<i>Ticket Manager</i>	.	.	.	.	WILLIAM H. LATIMER Jr. '43
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<i>Book</i>	.	.	.	.	DAVID J. CONROY '39
<i>Music</i>	.	.	.	.	ROBERT A. GIBSON
<i>Lyrics</i>	.	.	.	.	ROBERT A. GIBSON ENSIGN RICHARD G. DORR '36

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## Music

### ACT I

- 1 Here We Are - - - Opening Chorus

#### Scene 1

- 2 I'm Telling You - - - Betty and Al  
3 I've Been Around - - - Hepzibah

#### Scene 2

- 4 The Visiting Potentate - - Thorndike

#### Scene 3

- 5 I Like My Women Big - - { Eck, Diane  
Scoop, Flash

#### Scene 4

- 6 Boogie Woogie Woman - - { Betty  
Hepzibah  
and Ensemble

### ACT II

#### Scene 1

- 1 Let's Join The Fight - - - Ensemble

#### Scene 2

- 2 I Know - - - Betty and Al

#### Entre Act

- 3 Ballet - - - Music by Straus  
4 I Know (reprise) - - - Ensemble  
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# Pi Eta Huskies in Skirts



MUSCLE dancing Harvard style  
— one of the chorus routines.

ONE of the most daring exploits of recent weeks was performed the other day when husky members of Harvard's Pi Eta, dressed like chorus girls, invaded Fort Devens. The occasion was the presentation of the fraternity's musical comedy "Blondes for Defense." What would be the reaction of the soldiers when they saw members of their sex galloping around in skirts?

The answer was soon apparent. The reaction was favorable. The boys in khaki applauded and whistled and stamped in great delight. At first maybe they were a little cool but who could resist the muscular ballerina when "she" snapped hearty kisses like forward passes over the footlights? Some of the soldiers may have missed the feminine touch because the 40 brawny Pi Eta boys certainly were not girlish. They pranced about like high spirited boys and everyone had a good time.





**BEEF-TRUST BALLET**—The traditional "beauties" of the chorus of Harvard's Pi Eta show take a lesson in the terpsichorean art from Vera Zorina, whom you certainly should be able to distinguish. The show, "Blondes for Defense," will be presented at Fort Devens March 18 and in Cambridge March 19, 20 and 21. In front, left to right, George S. George of Shelby, O.; John H. Miller of Evanston, Ill.; Miss Zorina, and Jacob L. Crane, 3d, of Washington. Rear: Andrew B. Adams of Fall River, Walter B. Saunders of Minneapolis, John F. Otto, Jr., of Cincinnati, O.; Armiger L. Jagoe of Gulfport, Miss., and Daniel Needham, Jr., of Newton.

## PI ETA SHOW AT HARVARD

### Cast Performs Minus Its "Leading Lady" in Army

Harvard's annual Pi Eta show began its spring career at Harvard last night before an audience of "old grads" who passed on it gaily, after the hallowed tradition, prior to its first public appearance. Deprived of a "leading lady" who enlisted in the army during the rehearsal period, the student musical comedy captured its auditors, none the less.

Since the rival student show of the same kind, the Hasty Pudding, has been abandoned this year on account of the war, the Pi Eta gambol is attracting even more attention than usual.

It will be presented tonight at Fort Devens, Theatre Six, for the soldiers.

# Ballet Star Praises Harvard Boys' Arms



## ZORINA SHOWED THEM HOW IT'S DONE

Four husky chorus "girls" of Harvard's Pi Eta Club show and Vera Zorina, ballet star, going through a number. Left to right, Jacob L. Crane, Daniel Needham, Zorina, Andrew Adams and Armiger Jagoe.

First it was (and is) the Harvard "A"—quite broad; then the haircut of crew type. Now its the arms of the Harvard boys that come in for a boost—the way the boys swing them when walking, or reach across the table for the salt—and said boost from no less than Vera Zorina, the graceful ballet star, who is considered poetry in motion.

As instructor for Pi Eta Club chorus "girls," Zorina did a pirouette or two for the boys yesterday to show them the art of doing the right things with the limbs during the dance. The arms, she told them, were lovely, so much more graceful than girls' when Harvard boys swung this way and that.

But not so for the legs. She said that men walk much less gracefully than girls.

The "girls" did their bit for Zorina and she complimented them on their show, which will be given March 18 to 21. Called "Blondes for Defense," one performance will be given at Fort Devens.

Mrs. A. C. Ratshesky



24 FEDERAL STREET  
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March 18, 1942

Mr. Jay Rogers Benton  
3 Pequotsette Road  
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

At the business meeting of the Pi Eta Club at annual Grads Night last evening, you were unanimously elected to serve for the ensuing year as a member of the Graduate Advisory Committee. The following were elected to serve with you.

H. Starr Ballou '15, Chairman  
Richard Dodge Gerould '24  
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Richard C. Clark '37  
Mason T. Rogers, Jr. '37  
Geoffrey A. Sawyer '31, Alternate

In case you wish to get in touch with Starr Ballou his telephone number is LIB 8484, at 49 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts. I am sure he will appreciate your assistance.

Yours for Pi Eta,

*Donald H. Whittermore '16*

DEW:4

Graduate Secretary



Dear Mr. Benton -

It will give us much  
pleasure to have you  
and your husband dine  
with us on Tuesday,  
March seventeenth, at

half past seven -

Hoping you can be  
with us,

Most sincerely Yours

Edw. S. Petshenky.

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After the Show was over—the Army shows Harvard how to step out.



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noble of birth, but meek of manner, E. W. RICH, '97.

FARINA, an orphan maid, with a trusting heart,  
E. M. WATERHOUSE, '97.

CARLOS, a tipsy gypsy, - - - A. R. SHERIFF, '96.

GITANA, wife to Carlos, and sorry for it,  
VIVIAN BURNETT, '98.

BELLADONNA, a fussy old mother-in-law,  
F. R. WRIGHT, '98.

ABU ABDELA, the gentle Prince of Fez, ARNOLD SCOTT, '97.

KAZOOKA, sister to Abu Abdela, with matrimonial  
expectations, - - - J. A. LOUD, '98.

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ACT II.—CAMP OF THE GYPSIRS.

The music of the Gypsy dance in Act II is by F. R. Wright, '98.

The music of the Topical song in Act II is by J. A. Loud, '98.

The Alcayde poster was designed by J. R. Harris, Jr., '96.

The dancers have been coached by W. E. Putnam, Jr., '96.

The entire production under the direction of Mr. Edward E. Rose.

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"The Alcayde" will be presented in Mechanics Hall, Salem, Saturday evening, May 16, and in the Lynn Theatre, Tuesday evening, May 19.

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*Joseph Penton*



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## The Old Man Recalls

Spenser says:  
The noblest  
mind the best  
contentment  
has.



## Granite Chips

H. C. P.

A good friend of the Column has  
secured for us the privilege of print-  
ing a worth while poem, which he  
hands us, with a prefatory word of  
explanation, as follows:

"The following poem has not before  
been given to the public, but has now  
been rather reluctantly released upon  
special request to the author, Mrs.  
Mariette P. Benton. Because of its  
beauty, its helpful and quieting  
thoughts for a world in trouble, and  
also its historical merit, it is felt that  
it should be made available for the  
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and to become a record for the Old  
Man of New Hampshire's Mountains.  
Mrs. Benton is the wife of Herbert E.  
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been for the past 27 years residents of  
New Hampshire while enjoying their  
vacations at their summer home in  
Contoocook."

I asked the "Old Man of the Moun-  
tains"

As he gazed o'er the vale below  
The secret of his presence  
A secret I longed to know,

He seemed so calm and peaceful,  
Up there on the mountain high,  
As he looked afar to the distance  
Betwixt the earth and the sky.

And the answer came as I listened:  
I seemed to hear him say—  
"I am calm amidst life's tempest  
And the trials of every day:

I was shaped by the wind and the  
earthquake,  
The sleet, the rain, and the snow:  
And if you wish my secret  
This you too must know

It is not ease and pleasure  
Which make a soul grow strong—  
It is trial, and heartache, and longing  
To ease the world's great wrong."

So spoke the "Old Man of the Moun-  
tain"

In the silence, quiet and still—  
"Strength and peace come only  
To those who do God's will."



March 17, 1942

Mr. Joseph Benton  
5 Orchard Street  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Cousin Joseph:

Thank you for your kind note and am  
mailing you a copy of our Company periodical,  
"The Live Wire".

I was pleased to receive the clipping  
of the excellent poem by Mrs. Herbert Benton of  
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*Joy R. Benton*

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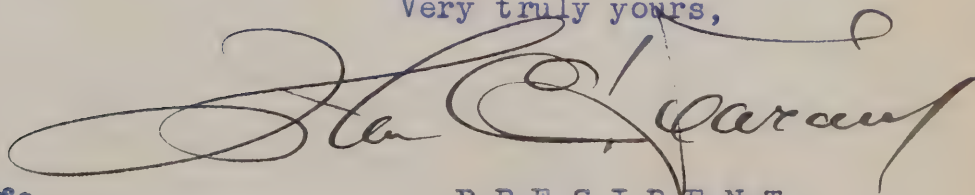
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Dear Family,

Yesterday. We had quite a thunder storm  
here, a lot of lightning and a  
very heavy downpour which  
left the camp pretty well  
flooded.

Yesterday, afternoon  
we went on a long hike -  
about eight miles. Fortunately  
the rain held off, although  
it threatened to pour all the  
time we were out.

Saw a good mouse  
last night - George Rogers  
in "Rope Hart" - don't mind  
it when it comes to catch

Today, to school and  
house cleaning again -  
Nuff said! -

Thank you mother and  
Ed for the fine letters  
received yesterday. Very  
dear.

I hope that you are  
all well. Keep the house  
fire burning until a week  
from Saturday!

Love

— John —







March 18, 1942

Mrs. J. L. Wettlaufer  
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Dear Louise:

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Sincerely,

*Jay R. Benton*

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March 18, 1942

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Dear Jay:

I just spent a pleasant period carefully reading each page in the 1911 Class Day Review, that you were so thoughtful in mailing to me. It almost seemed as if I had never seen one before, so you can imagine with what interest and heart throbs I carefully examined each face and name.

I cannot seem to believe that it was issued almost thirty-one years ago. At least I do not feel it, and am ready to join the Army again if they can use my services.

I suppose that as long as we have some fun out of this life, then one can feel young, and perhaps that is why you and I look more youthful than some of our classmates.

I am pleased that you are trying to keep up the class spirit and do not be discouraged even if the response is not more encouraging than it was at the Founders Day dinner last Friday night.

Many thanks for your usual spirit of fellowship.

Yours,

*Ben Gorfinkle*

BLG:HG





JOHN H. SULLIVAN

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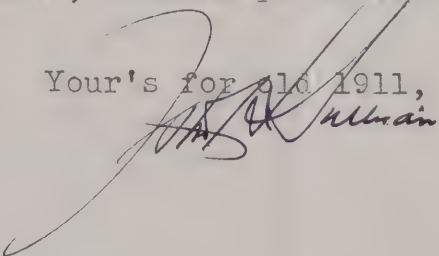
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Dear Jay:

I acknowledge the receipt from you of a copy of the B. U. Law School Class Day Review of 1911. I note that this Class Day Review is thirty-one years old, and to get it at this time was a very pleasant and unexpected surprise, for which I thank you very much. I had not seen one of these since DeCumbe and I spread them around at the time of our graduation.

Reading through the pages of the Review, unleashed a flood of pleasant memories, - and some, not so pleasant, especially when I read the Roster of our class and noticed the number of our classmates who have passed away.

Again many thanks for your thoughtfulness, and you may depend upon it, I shall preserve this Review.

Your's for old 1911,  
JH Sullivan

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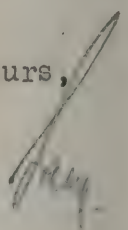
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I received the 1911 Class Day Review for which I thank you. I shall retain it amongst my treasured memoirs.

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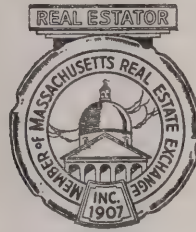
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Dear Mr. Benton:

It was very kind of you to send me the photograph  
of Sargeant Empy and myself.

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think the picture was taken about 1917.

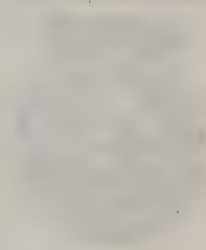
Again thanking you, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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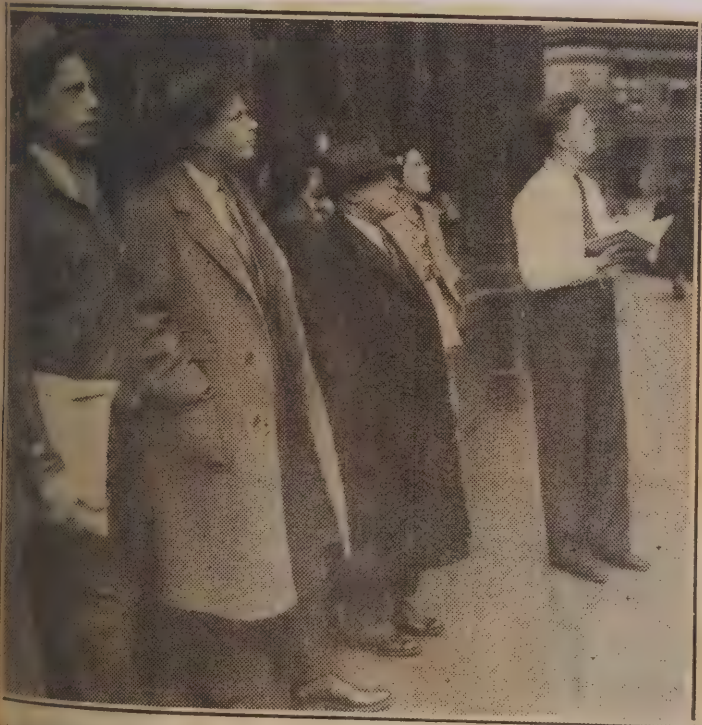
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*Passersby Halt to Hear Sirens, Bells, Whistles*

### WOLF, WOLF!

Let us celebrate our victories when they come with exuberance. Let us ring the bells and blow the whistles. Let there be shouting from the house-tops.

Let the flags wave. Let the marchers move by in a victory parade. Let the bands fill the day with stirring martial music, the songs of triumph of a strong and victory-minded people.

But somewhere let us draw the line. We had a sample yesterday of a celebration which went beyond the bounds of reason. We had an example of authorities plainly falling into error in a moment when rejoicing was in order.

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It is generally understood that they were to be warning signals. They were to notify the people that enemy planes were approaching. Their duty concerned the vital matter of life and death to our citizens.

Yet with Boston thronged with people on business and people shopping, the ordinary hum of a daily afternoon in the city was pierced by the cry of a siren, crying insistently for attention.

People stopped in their tracks and looked skyward. They spoke to strangers who stopped nearby, inquiring. Telephones rang in newspaper offices and police stations. Was it an air raid alarm?

The siren note was the "all clear" signal. It was not the strident rising and falling call that signals an air raid.

But the majority of the public did not know that. After all, there has only been one air raid test in Boston. Many people then acquainted themselves with the distinction between the actual raid warning and the all clear note. But many more have not, with the result they were not only confused but momentarily alarmed.

To dismiss the use of the siren on a jubilant occasion as an opportunity to test it out is a slim excuse. The siren is a very important affair and serves a very important function.

It is not a toy. It should not be played with. If tests must be made with it occasionally, ample warning should be given through the news-





OFFICE WORKERS HEAR VICTORY CELEBRATION  
*Rush to Window as Bells Chime Triumph*

papers, with a set time when the test is to be made.

Putting it in operation on any occasion and without warning, gives rise to two dangers. People are alarmed unnecessarily and people may grow indifferent. When the real warning comes, if it ever comes, it may be taken too lightly and countless lives may be lost because people fail to heed it.



Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 1942

To the Squire with Frances + David. The latter  
has another exam. in Math today Sub-  
way. To Schraft's for Brownies to send  
John. Office - Work. Out to lunch at  
12.20 took a walk across the Common  
with Everett Lane - to Charles St. Colonial  
Kitchen + Soup. Filet of Sole. Tartar Sauce - String Beans.  
Green Salad Roquefort Dressing + Milk - Grape Fruit -  
Back to the office - Directors Meeting - also  
Finance Committee All went well. Left for Home  
at 4.10 Subway. Harvard Square. Brattle Square  
Florists + Bouquet for Frances - Purple Tulips -  
White Freesia - Met her at Church St. Home.  
The two dozen monogrammed glasses from  
Bloomingdale's New York, arrived. Rested  
upstairs - Dinner. Shrimp Cocktail - ice cold  
and good. Salmon Loaf - a new recipe and  
excellent. String Beans. Parsley Potatoes. Cole  
Slaw. Toast. Milk. Fruit Compote. To bed early.  
Mary went to Red Cross First Aid Course +

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 1942

Dropped egg on hash - to the square  
with Frances + (Mrs. Lilly called up to  
ask for a ride into Red Cross) Subway -  
Office + ~~Work~~ - Drafted reader to go  
with annual adit, out to lunch at 12.  
To with Everett Lane + To Child's on further  
Boyleston St - Barley Beef Soup - Shrimps resting on  
to eat. String Beans + Grapefruit - Milk -  
Subway To Mechanics Building + Went in  
and once again enjoyed the Spring Flower  
Show - there for an hour and a half -  
half an hour in the balcony reading deck  
the spring atmosphere + Ran into Jack + Mrs.  
Trayer; Mrs. Charles L. Powers + Mrs. Ellis -  
Roger + Sarah Mc Kay and their two children,  
Don + Billy Currier, + Subway Back to the  
office - left at 4.15 - Square - Met Frances -  
Mrs. Lilly - Home - 2 cups of hot tea -  
HMa + Philadelphia Lemon Pot - Turkey  
Croquettes - French Fried Potatoes. Cabbage  
lettuce Salad - Toast - Milk - Sliced Pineapple  
At 7.50 Frances left with Peter and  
Andrew to go to the Pi Eta Show. Mary  
left at 5.30 to go to dinner at Longwood  
Towers with Col. B. H. Peice and Caroline  
Harlow Peice - He, head of the Marines  
at the Navy Yard +





CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Thurs. Mar. 19, 1942

Dear Family:

We are going to be put through a gas chamber today. Should be very interesting. It was about a year ago that we went through before. This time we will have "real" gas masks.

Still very over-cast here. Even the weather becomes monotonous. Ho Hum!

Another long like



coming up this afternoon. I  
like them as a matter of  
fact. After a whole year  
of the army they finally  
decide to get the men  
in shape. What an  
outfit! —

Regimental guard to  
Bill and I tomorrow  
night. It helps pass the  
time away.

Hope that all goes well  
at home.

Love to Everyone

— John —



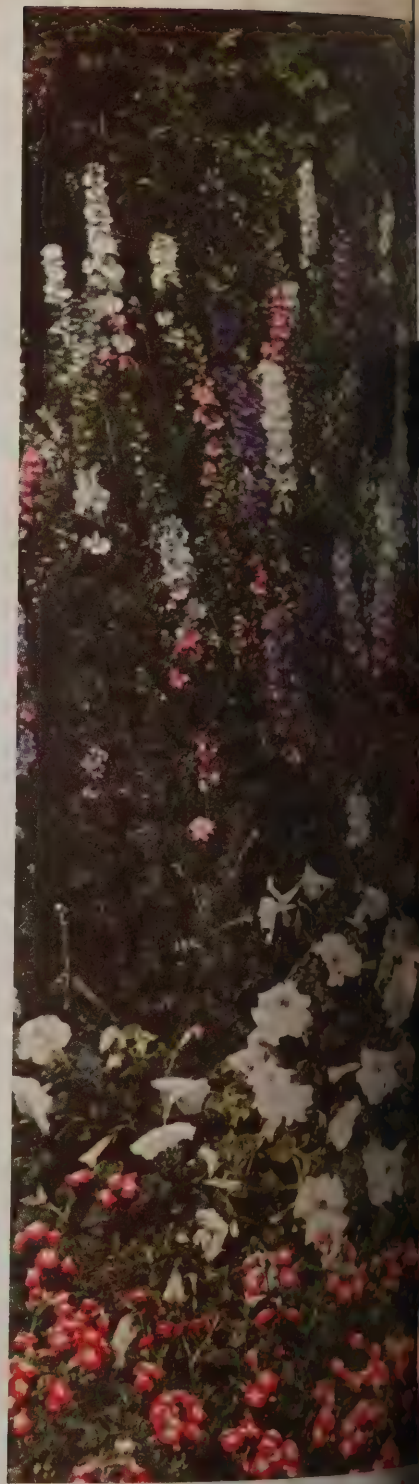


(Ival McPeak)

A walk out Boylston street  
to Child's Restaurant  
FOR LUNCH.

THURSDAY,

MARCH 19, 1942







Here.  
THURSDAY,  
MARCH 14, 1942



























**GARDEN KITCHEN AT FLOWER SHOW**—One of the attractive garden arrangements at New England Spring Flower Show now in progress at Mechanics Building is this kitchen with facilities for cooking and eating out of doors.

## ONE OF THE BEAUTY NOOKS AT FLOWER SHOW

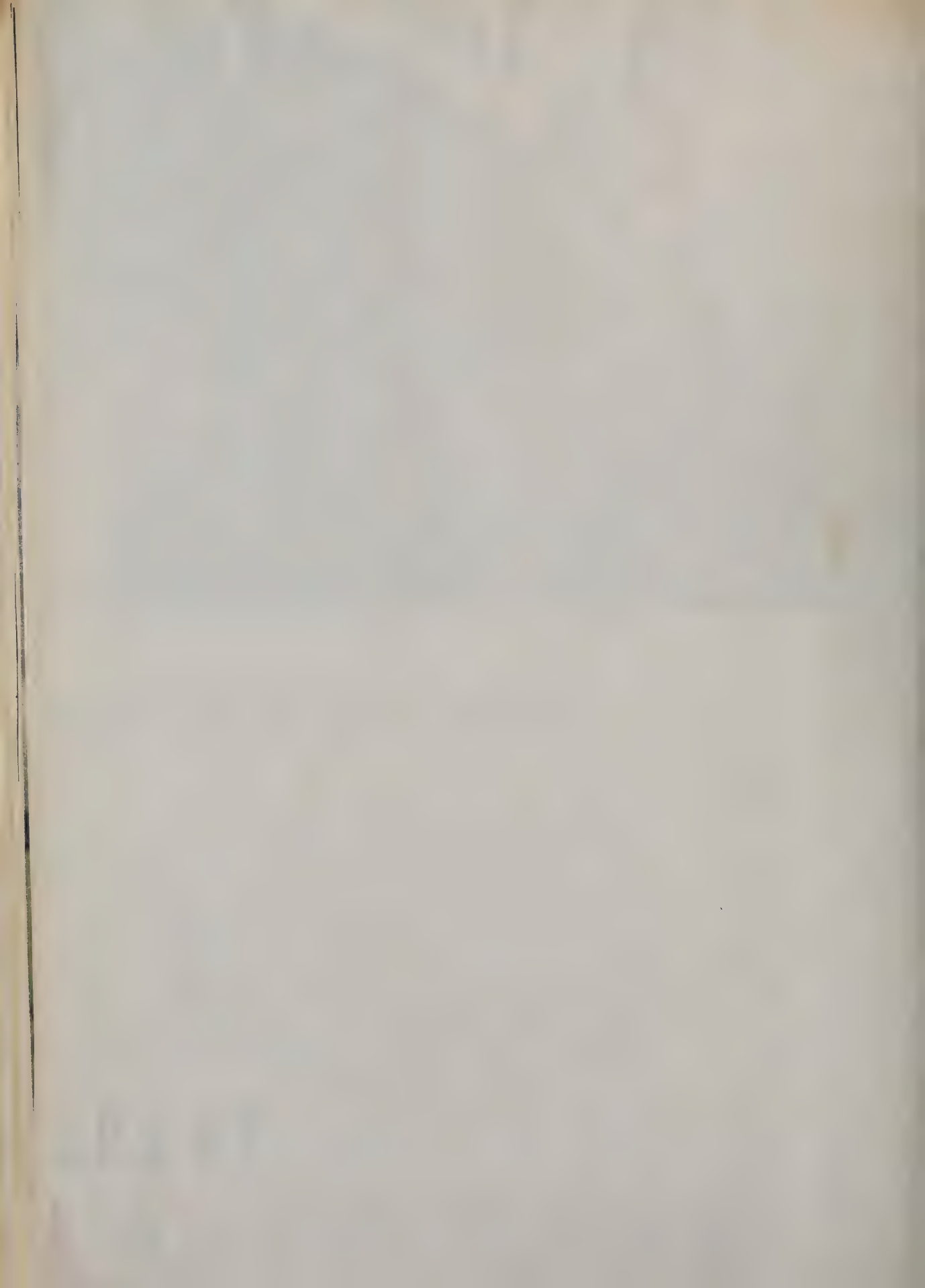


This "Garden Kitchen" exhibit with its large outdoor fireplace and flowered scenery is one of the many catching attractions at the flower show at Mechanics building.









# Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE  
160 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.



FEBRUARY

MARCH

March 19, 1942

To the Field Force;

We are now on the last lap of the President's Campaign. The Industrial course has been run -- only about a week more to write Ordinary. Get busy and see that every Ordinary prospect is interviewed and the case closed with an application written. Do not wait until the last few days as the applications might be received too late to be issued for March.

With the close of the Campaign in sight, it is advisable to look about and take stock of things that may have been neglected during the heat of the Campaign. These last few days can be made to count heavily in the final results, and may really decide the winning district.

Remember that every hour counts. You have no time to spare. Even though you need only \$1000 to make your Ordinary quota, and, you may consider that you have plenty of time to write, remember it must be issued and paid for. Maybe you have enough in the mill but do not depend on that as there is no need to remind you of the many things that can happen between writing the application and placing the policy, so be sure you have a margin to cover any rejections, postponements or non-takens.

It is really the last call of the Campaign, but there is still time for the Agent who might have fallen down on Industrial to score on his Ordinary. Let each man become Ordinary-minded and go out and see if he can close a \$5000 or \$10,000 case that will bring him up to the finishing line, and who knows but over the top as a WINNER.

THINK AND PLAN - THEN ACT!!

Yours for a successful finish,

*W. H. Moody*

Superintendent of Agencies

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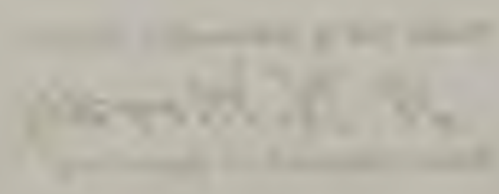
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Friday Morning, March 20, 1942

Mr. Nicholas Benton  
Box 534  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Nicholas:

Another five dollars is enclosed for your use in and about the Academy Grounds, including both sides of Water Street.

Your Mother, Peter, and Andrew went to the Pi Eta Show last night; in the afternoon I went to the Spring Flower Show at Mechanics Building. Your Mother and I are going to see "Louisiana Purchase" at the Saturday matinee.

I see by the morning papers I have got to register on April 27th -- it won't be long before Rip Van Winkle and Methuselah will have to sign up. It will be good to have you home again when you get your next respite or hiatus.

With Love,

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure

# THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

By  
JAMES M. SMITH  
Author of  
"The History of the United States"  
and  
"The History of the United States"

The history of the United States is a story of the growth of a great nation from a small colony of English settlers. The story begins in 1492 when Christopher Columbus discovered the New World. The first English settlers came to the United States in 1607. They were the first of many waves of immigrants who came to the United States in search of a better life. The United States grew from a small colony to a great nation. It became a land of freedom and opportunity. It became a land where people of all races and religions could live together in peace and harmony. The United States has become a great power in the world. It has led the world in many ways. It has been a leader in the fight for freedom and democracy. It has been a leader in the fight for peace and justice. The United States has become a great nation because of the courage and vision of its people. It has become a land where people can live and thrive. The United States is a great nation and it will continue to be a great nation for many years to come.

END



CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Fri. Mar. 20, 1942

Dear Family:

Yesterday we had a good long walk, about eight miles.

It was a beautiful day and it was good to get out and get some exercise. The walk was <sup>the</sup> ~~an~~ highlight of a day of truck cleaning and rifle practice. Today it's more truck cleaning and a property inspection tonight. Tomorrow morning we are going to have a layout inspection. Then will start a long weekend of Regimental Guard and Charge of quarters. Then another week of school, marches, and truck



cleaning will start.

This morning was the first in many mornings that dawned clear and bright. I awoke at 4:30 and was amazed to see stars shining in the sky. Looks to be a good day. --

Mary, I received your letter safe and sound. Thank you very much for your trouble.

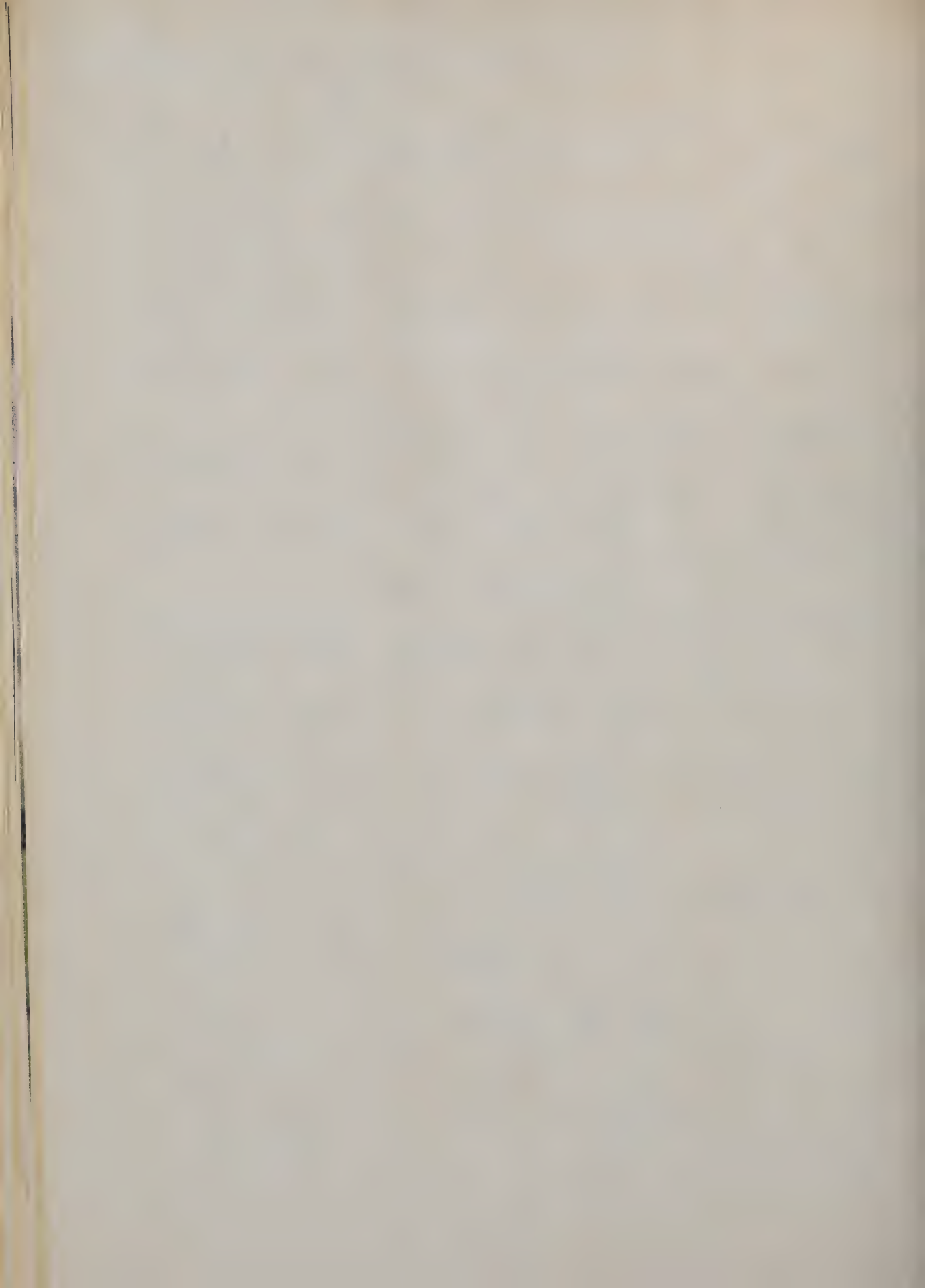
A week from tomorrow we'll be getting out of this hole for another few hours. Believe me, we're looking forward to it!

There goes the whistle.  
time to drill.

Love to Everyone

— John —







Friday, March 20, 1942

## Waverley Post To Award V.F.W. Medal to Benton

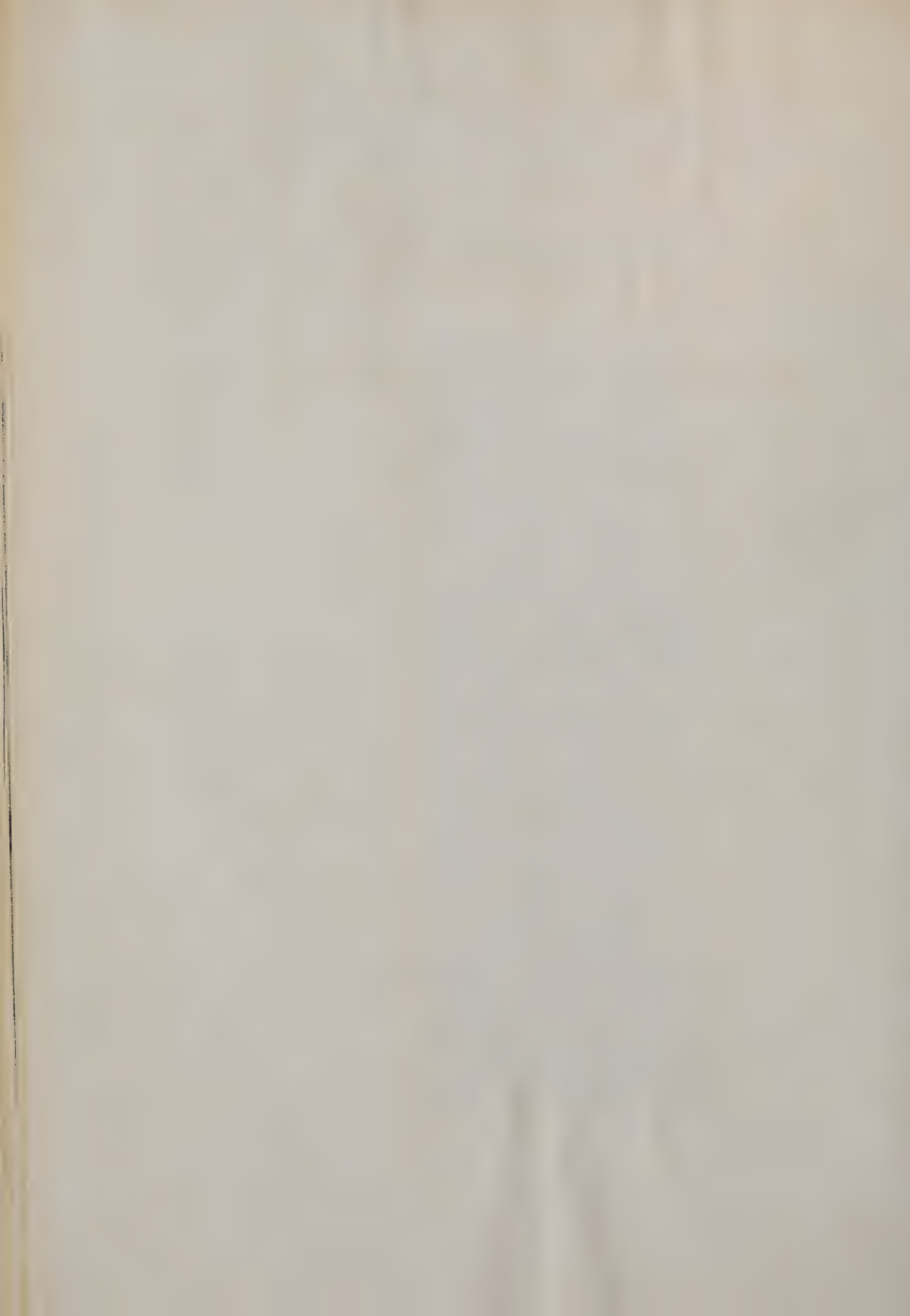
Awarding of a Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship Medal for outstanding community service to former Attorney-General Jay R. Benton was voted Monday evening by members of Waverley Post, No. 1272, V. F. W.

Mr. Benton is the second outstanding Belmontian to be so honored by the post, which last year awarded a similar medal to Mrs. Edwin F. Atkins.

A resident of Belmont since boyhood, Mr. Benton has a long record of services in behalf of the community. He is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the Belmont Public Library and for a decade ending in 1940 was moderator of town meetings. At the two military balls sponsored by Waverley Post for the benefit of the Red Cross in 1940 and 1941 he served as auctioneer of posters and otherwise assisted the veterans in arranging the spectacles.

President of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company since 1937, Mr. Benton was attorney-general of the state from 1923 to 1927. He was general chairman of the Greater Boston Maintenance Appeals of the Salvation Army in 1937-38 and 1938-39.

Mr. Benton recently presented Waverley Post with a large batch of newspaper clippings of World War I which are being mounted in a scrap book for the post quarters under the supervision of Past Commander Albert W. Johnson.



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## JAY BENTON GIVEN MEDAL ON CITIZENSHIP

A citizenship medal for outstanding community service was awarded this week to Jay R. Benton at a meeting of the Waverly Post No. 1272, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Benton, former attorney-general of Mass., was for ten years Moderator at Belmont Town Meetings. He is president of the Boston Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Benton recently donated to the post a collection of newspaper clippings of the first World War, which will be arranged in a scrap book by direction of Past Commander Albert Johnson.

It was announced at the post meeting that the State Department of Mass. V. F. W. has appointed a committee to collect money for a cigarette fund for Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Air Force service men in Mass. With the proceeds from this fund, cigarettes will be given without charge to all these men in the armed forces.

Arrangements were made for the V. F. W. carnival to be held at Pequotsette Field in June, at which any man in the uniforms of the United States or the United Nations will be admitted free.





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March 6, 1942

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President  
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

There will be a meeting of our Committee on Meetings and Members Luncheons two weeks from today, March 20. The meeting will be held in Room 0, 14th Floor, Chamber Building, at 12:30 P.M.

The Chairman hopes that you can attend, for we have important business--to arrange the set-up of the Howe Luncheon on April 28 and to check up on other guest speakers desired.

Sincerely,



J. Paul Foster, Manager  
Convention Bureau

JPF:DLM



Fitzpatrick, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**"Have You Any Ideas About India?"**



Meetings and Members' Luncheons  
March 20, 1942

Meeting of the Committee on Meetings and Members' Luncheons Friday, March 20, at 12:30 p.m., in Room O, Chamber of Commerce Building. Present: Messrs. Frank R. Shepard (Chairman), Guy Bancroft, Jay R. Benton, Harold E. Fellows, Daniel A. deMenocal, William F. Goodale, Jr. and J. Paul Foster, Secretary.

The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Martin W. Clement, President, Pennsylvania Railroad, and expects definite answer within a day or so. He hopes that it will be favorable since he had insisted that Mr. Clement come to New England as early as possible for the good of New England business and the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Harold E. Fellows reported that Mr. David Sarnoff is not accepting invitations to speak anywhere because of the war-time emergency load he is carrying. He therefore recommended that Mr. Sarnoff be put on the list of those to be invited next fall and winter.

The Secretary reported that Hon. Sumner Welles had accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker at a Members' Luncheon in April or May, but last month had informed him that owing to the illness of Secretary Hull he (Mr. Welles) could not leave Washington until the Secretary had returned. It was obvious that this invitation must be held in abeyance for the time being at least.

The Secretary also reported that Mr. Francis W. Hatch expects to see Hon. Bruce Barton the first of next week and hoped to work out a date in April or May when Mr. Barton will come to Boston as guest of the Chamber.

The best news that the Secretary reported was that Hon. Clarence D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply of the Dominion of Canada, has accepted the invitation of the Chamber and will be the guest speaker at a Members' Luncheon Tuesday, April 28; and that Mr. Donald M. Nelson, Chairman, War Productions Board of the United States, will let us know about the middle of next month whether he can join with the Chamber in welcoming Mr. Howe in Boston on the 28th. The arrangements outlined were unanimously approved.

The Committee voted that Mr. Frank R. Shepard be the Head Table Director for the Howe luncheon and Mr. Guy Bancroft Associate Director. Mr. Shepard and Mr. Bancroft will, of course, be Mr. Howe's escort to the Governor's office when he pays his respects to His Excellency the Governor, and to the Mayor's office when he will pay his respects to His Honor the Mayor.

It was also voted that it would be excellent psychology and the Committee believed it will be necessary, to limit the purchase of tickets to the Howe Luncheon to two to a member.

The general outline of announcement and publicity for this Luncheon was approved by the Committee.

The Chairman asked for suggestions for other possible guest speakers. Two were promptly offered and approved. The first was Hon. Maxim Litvinoff, Russian Ambassador to the United States, and the second Sir Victor Sassoon, who will be arriving in Boston from Singapore during the next few days. The Committee believed that



Meetings and Members' Luncheons--2  
March 20, 1942

both of these gentlemen would be excellent guest speakers; and it was voted to extend invitations to them. Mr. deMenocal was given full authority to carry the invitation to Sir Victor Sassoon.

Adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

J. Paul Foster

For the Secretary





Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1942

to the Square with Frances & David - also giving Helen Jameson and Herbert Rogers a lift - Sulway. Cobb, Bates, & Yerxa. Doughnuts & cheese for John & Woolworths Birthday Cards & Collar Buttons - Office & Work. Brewer Smith & Shea in on annual advertising & Over to the Vaults out \$210,000 U.S. Govt Bond Sales & Purchase & At 12.30 over to the Chamber of Commerce - Luncheon Conference of the Committee on Meetings - Over at 2. Office - Work - left at 3.45 - to Phonograph shop - 8 Milk St. but no records I was looking for - Sulway - Photo Book at the Cof + Classical Record at Mc Kenna's & Dvorak - Slavonic Dances No 1 & 3. by the Minneapolis Symphony Orch. to the Battle Street Florist - Boquet for Frances. Purple Anemones & white Forsythia & Woolworths looking at glasses & met Frances at Church St. Helen Jameson with her. So Home. Hot Tea & had Coffee & Edin's new Company Truck came out - to put in new garbage containers - Mr. Moody brought out 5 framed pictures & telephone calls today to Kenholm & Stuart's garage - to Thomas Stuart re installing Vogue Don Chimes. Dinner. Cherry stone claret & Lamb broth - Filet of Sole - Tartar Sauce & Parsley Potatoes. Escalloped Tomatoes Toast. Milk - Fruit & Custard. Upstairs at 7. Frances lent her leg on some boards at Red Cross today -





M E M O R A N D U M

SENT TO JOHN

CAMP EDWARDS

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

7 HUYLER'S JELLY DOUGHNUTS  
APPLE  
J. A. PONY CIGAR  
SUNDAY FUNNIES  
NEW YORK SUNDAY NEWS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

NEW YORK SUNDAY MIRROR  
NEWS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

HALF DOZEN SCHRAFFT'S BROWNIES  
ORANGE  
YANKEE CIGAR  
"PIC"  
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THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

NEW YORKER

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

HALF DOZEN COBB, BATES & YERXA DOUGHNUTS  
PACKAGE LIMBURGER CHEESE  
BANANA  
BAG OF PEANUTS  
S. S. PIERCE SPECIAL SELECTION CIGAR  
LIFE

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

"LAFF"  
NEWS WEEK  
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Nicholas Benton

10 Webster Hall - Phillips Exeter Academy

Saturday Night -  
March 21<sup>ST</sup> 1942  
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Dear Mom & Dad -

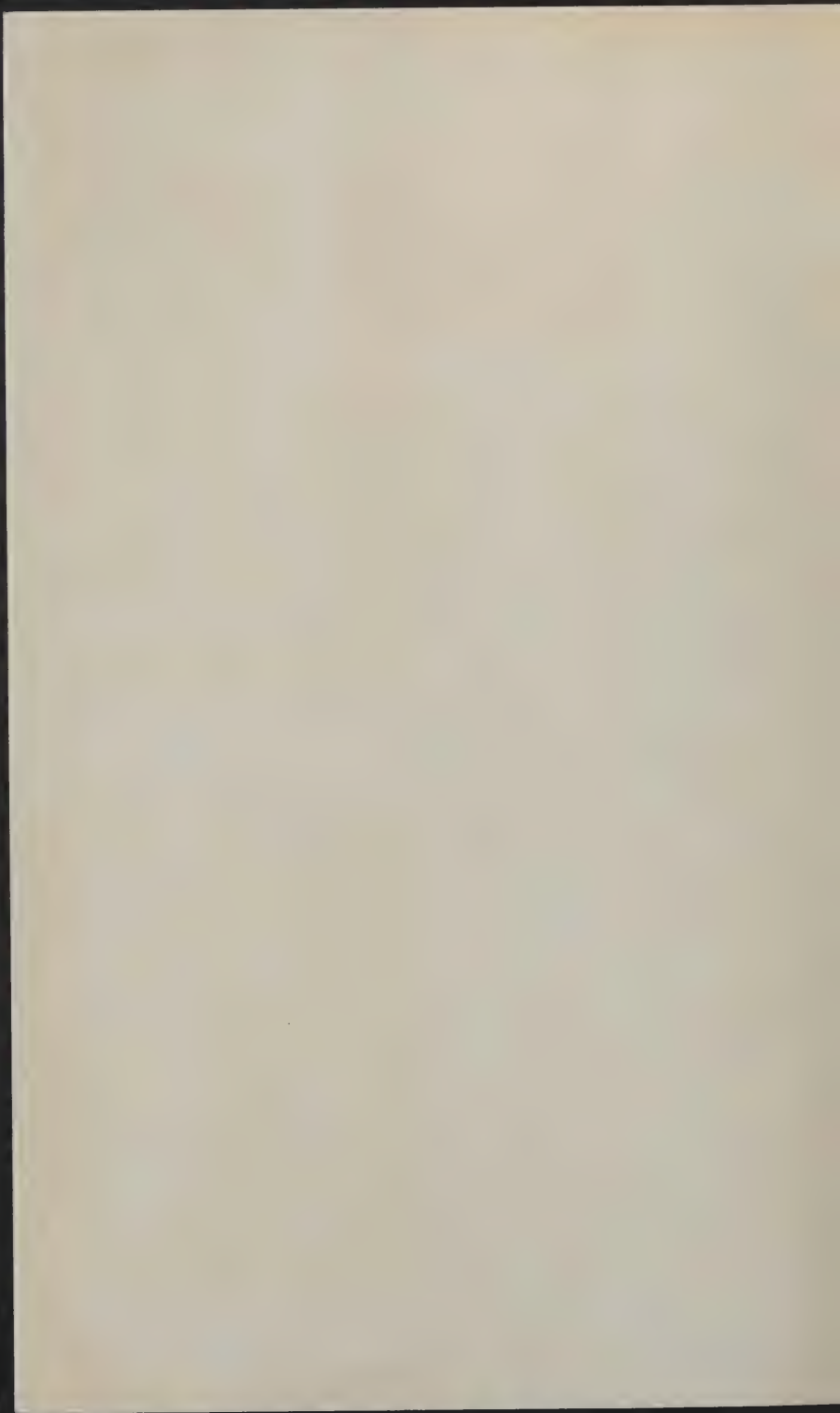
I have just seen "How Green Was My Valley." My friends who had seen it ~~before~~ said it was very poor, so I thought I was in for something bad. But what a picture! I have only liked a few pictures that were here, but this tops them all. It's all so grand. I cried a little and whenever I say the picture's sure to be good.

How did you like "Louisiana Purchase?"

Tomorrow evening we have a joint concert with Radcliffe. I am not looking forward to it. The girls are too old.

I come home next Friday on the 12:30 train. My - I need a vacation!





I'm paying Mr. Swift a bill today, he  
wanted me to send you his best. And in getting  
out-of-town permission a few weeks back,  
Dean Kerr asked me if I could make as  
good a speech as my father. I said "no"  
but that the words would have to be  
written for me! (meaning dramatics)

I feel lame as a horse. Each day  
I pull those heavy weights. Have I got  
muscles? Huh! Just a couple of swollen  
arms and a lot of blisters.

Did you see that Sophie Tucker's  
play "High Kickers" is coming to Boston.

I have received quite a few  
notices about the skating carnival.  
Apparently they want me to go. Guess that's  
all for now.

Love,  
Nick







# Louisiana Purchase

A B. G. DeSYLVA PRODUCTION



*A Smash Hit!* —WALTER WINCHELL

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Another B. G. De Sylva  
Musical Hit!

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*Coming Soon to this City*

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WILLIAM VERA VICTOR  
GAXTON ZORINA MOORE

IN

# LOUISIANA PURCHASE

WITH

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MUSIC & LYRICS BY

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BASED ON A STORY BY B. G. DeSYLVA

"4 Orchids to the town's newest hit."

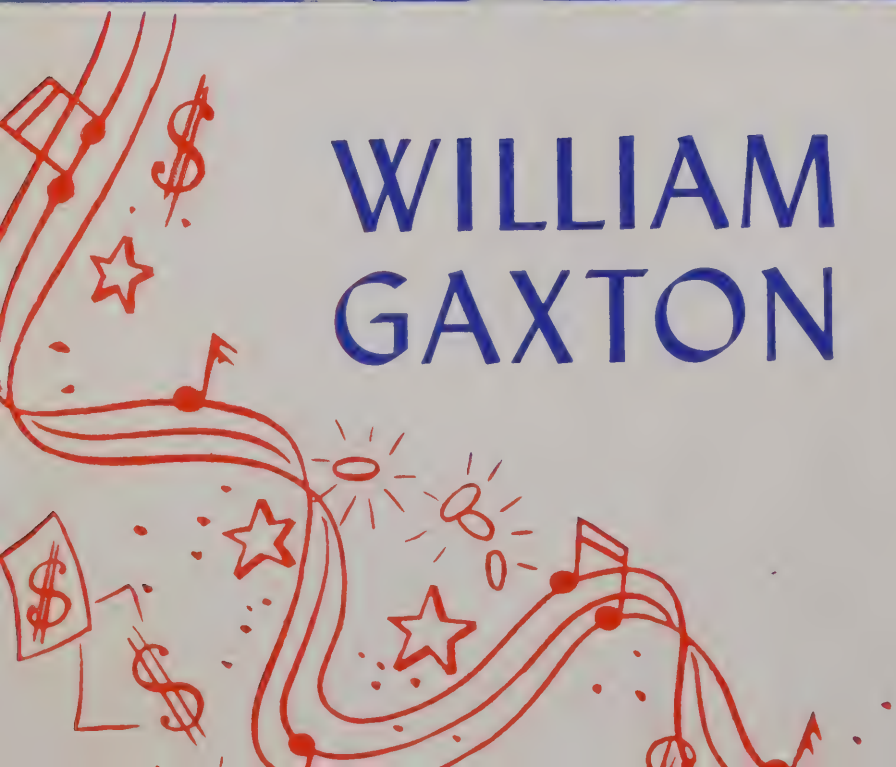
—WALTER WINCHELL







WILLIAM  
GAXTON



**T**HE dynamic William Gaxton brings a verve and dash to the hilarious antics in "Louisiana Purchase" hitherto unmatched for brilliant portrayal in the contemporary showshops. Long one of the theatre's super mimics, he rises to even greater heights in this B. G. DeSylva-Irving Berlin-Morrie Ryskind song and dance fiesta.

A native of San Francisco—born Arturo Gaxiola—he aspired to a stage career as a small child when first he began visting the variety playhouses then dotting the coast city. He was helped considerably by Nat Goodwin, who gave him much of his early training. For a time he emoted the works of Shakespeare in the best tradition of the Bard, found the booking response less than mildly attractive and turned to vaudeville as a singer. An audience of Colorado miners dared him to be funny during one of his vaudeville tours and Gaxton, sensing the challenge, told them every joke he knew. Their gusty response resolved him to henceforth try comedy, a talent he has developed to distinct advantage through the years.

He made his Broadway debut, after innumerable trials and disappointments, in the 1921 edition of the famed "Music Box Revue," adding considerably to his prestige the following season in the still remembered "The Connecticut Yankee." Another musical, "Fifty Million Frenchmen" brought him to the stellar spotlight, a position he has ever since maintained.

Victor Moore loomed across his theatrical horizon in 1931 when both were cast for the George S. Kaufman-Morrie Ryskind Pulitzer Prize musical, "Of Thee I Sing." They have since been stage partners in four subsequent charades—"Let 'Em Eat Cake," "Anything Goes," "Leave It To Me" and currently, "Louisiana Purchase."





# VERA ZORINA

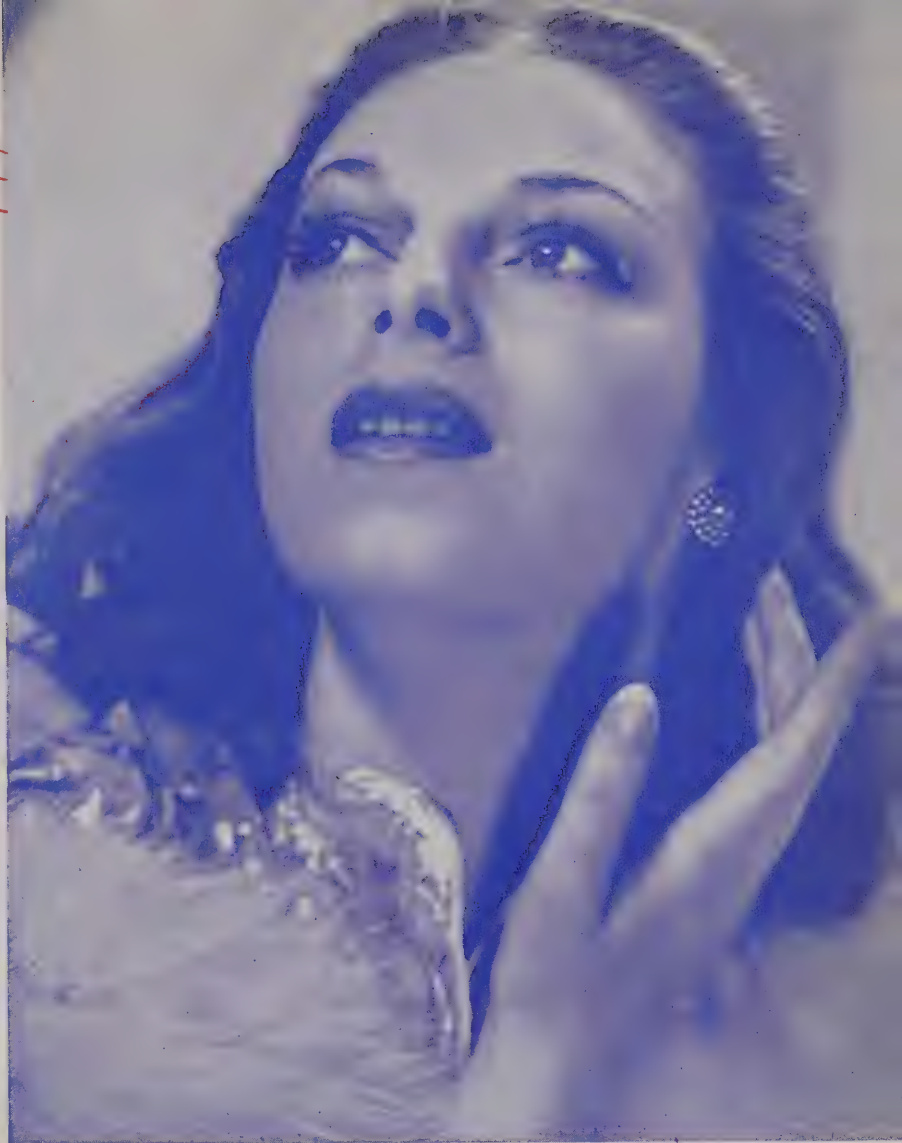
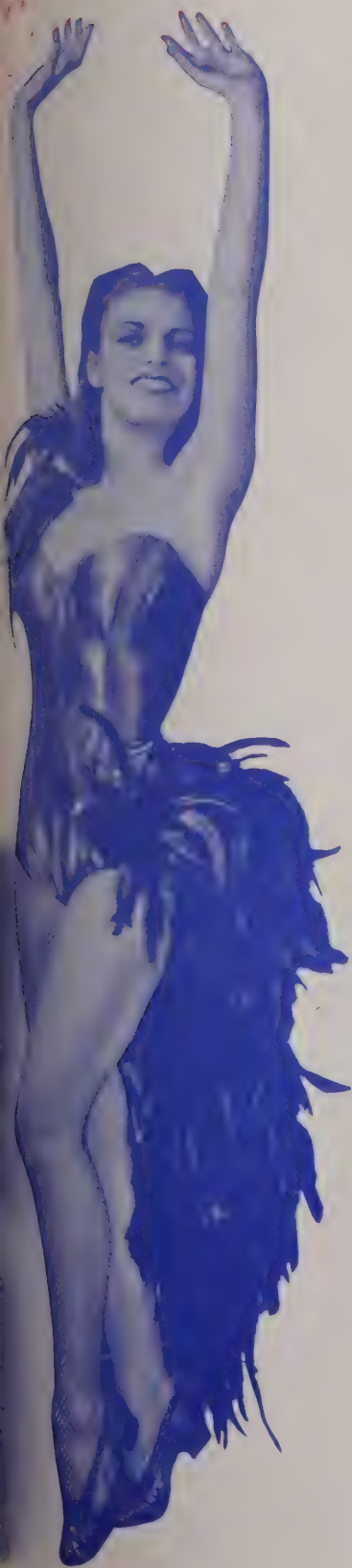
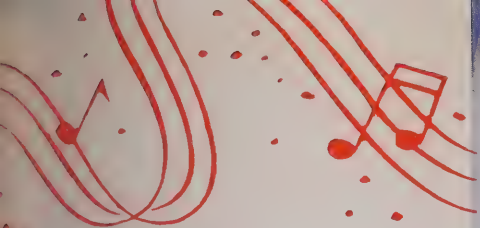
Unparalleled, indeed, is the remarkable record of the extremely young and beautiful Vera Zorina, who has won stardom in three distinct fields of entertainment—the ballet, the motion picture and the stage. Trained primarily as a ballerina, she did not find it at all difficult to emote either before the Hollywood cameras or sing and talk for audiences in the living theatre. If she created an exciting stir in "I Married An Angel," which marked her first entrance on the Broadway scene, the word for her artistry in "Louisiana Purchase" is sensational.

Miss Zorina actually started dancing at the age of three, facing her first sea of faces across the stage of an Oslo concert hall at seven. In Berlin she subsequently studied under Eugenie Eduardowa and in Paris with Nicholas Legat. London took first notice of her when she danced with Anton Dolin in two Max Reinhardt productions, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Tales Of Hoffman." Her next appearance, appropriately enough, was in a play called "Ballerina," where she was seen by Leonide Massine.

This resulted in two changes—her name and her career. She dropped Brigita Hartwig for Vera Zorina (she is of Norwegian ancestry) and assumed an important post with the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe. Dwight Wiman and a scout for Sam Goldwyn saw her in the Ballet. Wiman won the first round and signed her for the London production of "On Your Toes." Goldwyn, however, wasn't far behind, eventually bringing her to California for "The Goldwyn Follies." She has since made several additional pictures, the latest being "I Was An Adventuress." "Louisiana Purchase," incidentally, is her second Broadway musical.







**N**OT in recent years has such adjectival praise been heaped on an actor as stemmed from the inspired typewriters of the critics for Victor Moore's magnificent creation of the faultlessly drawn and beloved Senator Oliver P. Loganberry in "Louisiana Purchase." Setting the pace, as he did, when he gave life to the revered Vice-President Throttlebottom in "Of Thee I Sing," he has stepped up his genius for character portraiture to a new high in his long and varied career.

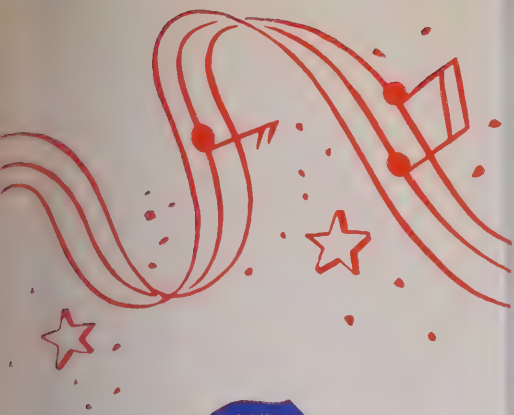
Those who find comfort and delight in Moore's comicalities across the stages of America will undoubtedly be surprised to learn that he once earned playgoers' hisses in an earlier era when he essayed villains roles. Before his Broadway advent, however, he regaled audiences for three years in repertory in such cities as Newark, Philadelphia and New York. Vaudeville knew him, too, with his wife, Emma Littlefield, for a bit of mad-waggery humorously titled "Change Your Act Or Go Back to the Woods."

He made his Times Square debut with George M. Cohan in "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway," receiving such accolades for a supporting role that Cohan penned a play expressly for his histrionic utilization—"The Talk of New York." And yet, despite his success in this vehicle, new roles did not come his way except at infrequent intervals. Thus he went from the legitimate to the variety halls and back again with discouraging regularity. Indeed, Victor Moore's path was no bed of roses. He labored hard and has earned the rewards that now are his.

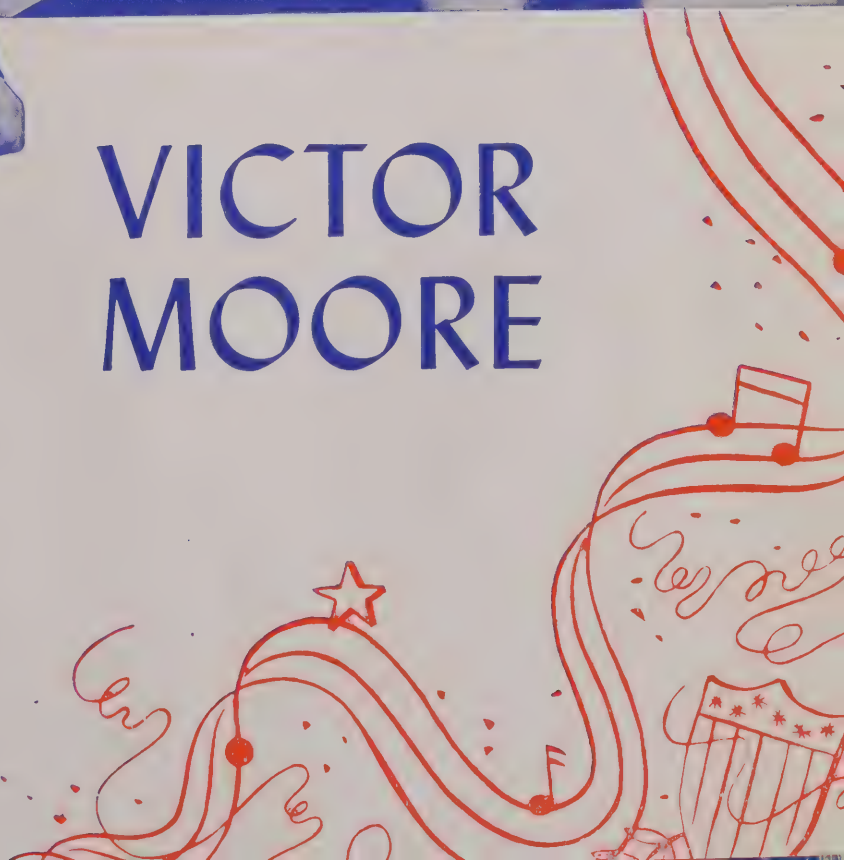
His more recent roles have been in such diverse playthings as "Easy Come, Easy Go," "Oh, Kay," "Funny Face," "Heads Up," "Hold Everything" and "Princess Charming." William Gaxton entered the scene at this juncture and the rest is stage history. He has, of course, appeared in both the silent and vocal films, among them "Swing-time" with Fred Astaire, and "Make Way For Tomorrow."







VICTOR  
MOORE







# IRENE BORDONI

Time does not change nor seem to dim the lustre that is the inimitable Irene Bordoni's. Although this Parisienne songstress and comedienne set the town agog by her rare beauty and artistry in the memorable "Hitchy Koo" with Raymond Hitchcock, the fire and stage genius that overnight lifted her to stardom then are as vitally alive today—as concretely evidenced by her matchless performance in "Louisiana Purchase."

Miss Bordoni's inception into the world of the theatre followed almost fictional lines. An apprentice midinette at thirteen in her native Paris, she was sent on an errand to the Theatre des Varieties where she was entranced by the glamour of girls in rehearsal. With sheer daring she demanded a job. Her very daring, however, made her cry and a sympathetic producer gave her a job in the chorus.

Being ambitious, she studied assiduously and soon was playing minor roles. Her big opportunity came when she was sixteen and all Paris acclaimed her. Word of the fabulous Parisienne reached New York and soon she was regaling Broadway playgoers in such frothy works as "Hitchy Koo," "As You Were," "Sleeping Partners," "Little Miss Bluebeard," "Naughty Cinderella," "Mozart and Paris," "The French Doll" among many others. London and Paris, too, saw her in the intervening years with growing prestige and popularity. Her last Times Square appearance was in "Great Lady," but she has spent considerable time in between in vaudeville, night clubs, the concert platform, radio and television.

# AREN COOPER

Miss Cooper, like so many others who eventually win artistic recognition, began by singing at local charity fetes. The radio was quick to add to her prestige and in time she won the plaudits of listening audiences over both WCAU and KYW.

Several Broadway agents, interested in bringing Miss Cooper to a much wider audience, tried unsuccessfully to lure her to New York. The songstress, however, preferred to remain in Philadelphia where her position was secure.

"Broadway is full of actors and actresses looking for their big opportunity," she told them. "I've made my opportunity and I intend to stay."

Agents, however, have a way about them and in time Miss Cooper succumbed to their blandishments. She came on to New York about a year ago. Broadway managers, as she had anticipated, did not spread carpets for her to their office doors; indeed, she couldn't even get in to see them. Result: she took local night club assignments, one of them at the Casino Royale in Havana, and another at the swanky Rainbow Grill in Radio City. It was here that Irving Berlin, famous composer of songs that decorate "Louisiana Purchase," heard her.

"She's a 'find' if ever I've heard one," he exclaimed with enthusiasm.

An introduction was arranged, Berlin had Miss Cooper sing one of the numbers in the show and wired Buddy DeSylva in New York of his discovery.

"Your word is good enough for me," telegraphed DeSylva to her.

And thus it is that Miss Cooper makes her bow in "Louisiana Purchase."

"I still can't believe it," was all she would say when interviewed.







## IRVING BERLIN

who contributed the music and lyrics to "Louisiana Purchase," has been conspicuously absent from the living theatre for almost eight years, specifically since "As Thousands Cheer." He filled in the interim by toiling in the Hollywood vineyards where his inspired music box decorated innumerable screen musicals.

Composer of some 700 songs, many of which have already enshrined his name to posterity, Berlin reached the heights as one of America's foremost song writers through perseverance and untold hardships. His early days were passed in abject poverty. As a youth he found a precarious living as a singing waiter in a sordid Bowery resort.

A cheerful public was soon to dance and sing joyously to the syncopated rhythms of "Alexander's Ragtime Band," of which he was sole author and composer. His rise was meteoric and soon there stemmed from his inspired lute such melodies as "Everybody's Doin' It," "A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody," "Tell Me, Little Gypsy," and "Soft Lights and Sweet Music," to mention but a scant few.

To date he has had a hand in the collaboration of fifteen Broadway shows, including editions of the "Ziegfeld Follies" and several "Music Box Revues." His first picture chore, "Top Hat" for Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, brought such hit tunes to the screen as "Cheek to Cheek," "Top Hat and White Tie and Tails." Other songs in subsequent films included "Let's Face the Music and Dance," "I'm Putting All My Eggs in One Basket," "I've Got Your Love to Keep Me Warm," "This Year's Kisses" and "I Poured My Heart Into a Song."

His new score including "Tomorrow Is A Lovely Day," "You're Lonely and I'm Lonely," "The Lord Done Fixed Up My Soul," "Fools Fall In Love," "You Can't Brush Me Off," and the title song. "Louisiana Purchase" is considered among the best he





# Zorina Dances



Brigittä Hartwig, who grew up in Norway, first took New York by storm in "I Married an Angel." In the transition from a Norwegian girl with a yen for dancing to premiere ballerina for the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe she became Vera Zorina. Now, as a dancer around whom topnotch musical comedies are built, reviewers say frankly she has "grace, charm, humor and that sort of personal radiance . . . as one of the loveliest of musical comedy performers." These performance photographs were taken of Zorina in "Louisiana Purchase," playing at the Imperial Theater.

*Performance photographs Bob Golby*

*Saturday-March 21<sup>st</sup> 1942 -*



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"Louisiana Purchase" rolls merrily along with its spoofing of politicians. Here Zorina and Charles Laskey are seen doing their second act dance.

*Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 1942*





LOVELY BALLERINA—Zorina,





Beef stew for Dinner.  
Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 1942





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FROM THE CHESTNUT WOODS AND PALFREY WOODS



EARLY MARCH

The skunk cabbage, first of Spring's explorers.



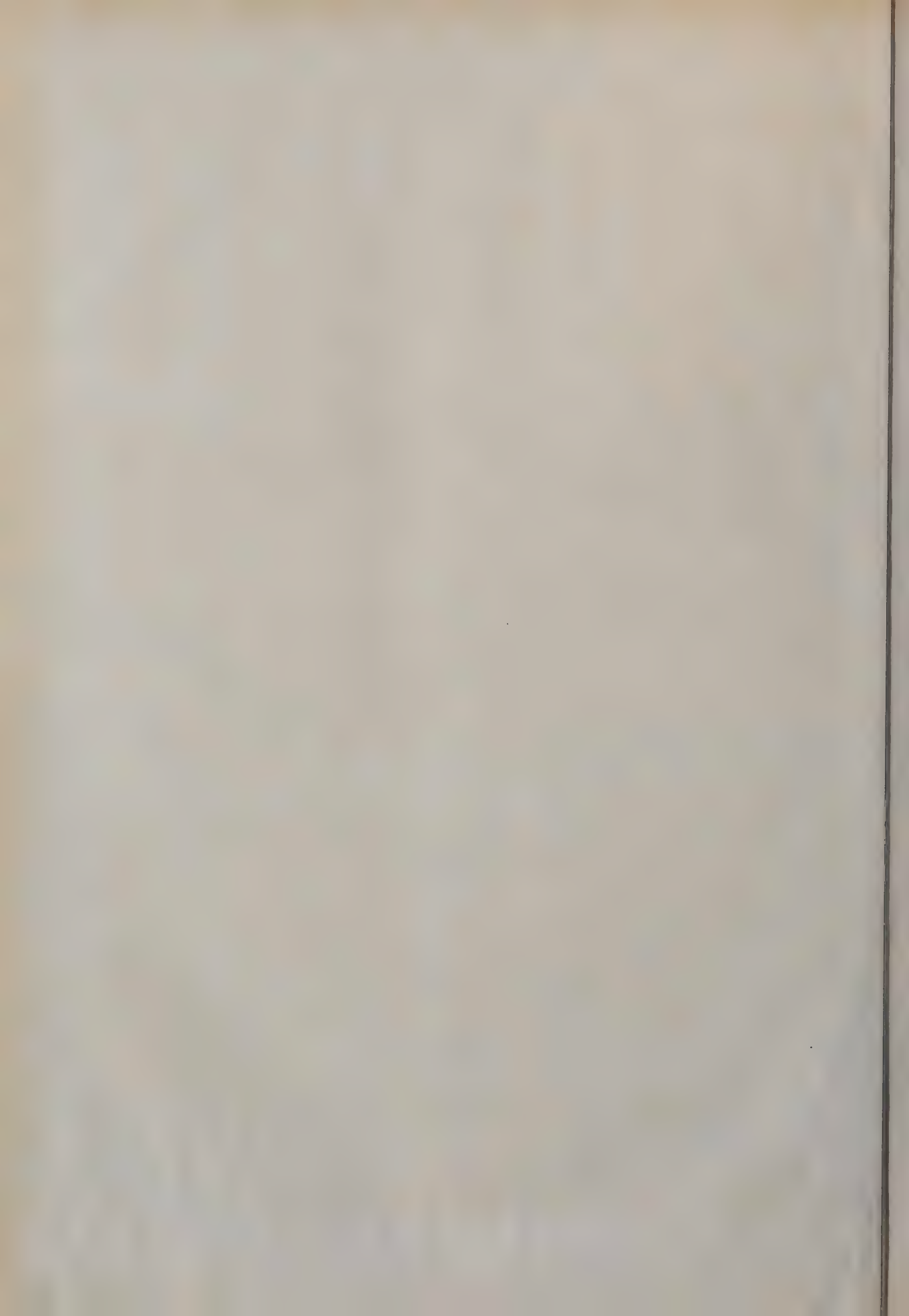
MID-MARCH

The pussy willow, defying March winds with a fur coat.



MID-APRIL

Bloodroot, hardy harbinger of the flowery season.





# OF SPRING



LATE APRIL

Jack-in-the-pulpit, preaching the gospel of Spring



EARLY MAY

Wild strawberry, advertiser of woodland sweetness.



MID-MAY

Dogwood blossoms, unrestrained beauty on the bough.





**SHUBERT LAST 2 TIMES!**MAT. TODAY—CLOSING TONIGHT  
B. G. DeSYLVIA presents (in person)WILLIAM VERA VICTOR  
GAXTON ZORINA MOORE**LOUISIANA PURCHASE**The Musical Comedy Hit with  
**IRENE BORDONI**Music by **IRVING BERLIN**Book by **MORRIE RYSKIND**

Eves. 1.10 to 3:30—Sat. Mat. 55c to 2.75

**FIRST DAY OF  
SPRING TODAY****Worries About Keeping  
Warm Over—Maybe**

Today is the first day of Spring, and theoretically at any rate, we can stop worrying about coal and oil, red flannel underwear and the like, and turn our thoughts to Victory gardens and flowers.

According to the Weather Bureau, this Spring can be classified as an "early" one and this contention is well supported by statistics.

For the first 13 days of March every day averaged 10 degrees above normal for a total of 130 degrees warmer than usual. Thus far it has been a wet month and all streams are filled to overflowing. The total precipitation is 6.10 inches or 3.73 inches above normal.

Saturday,

March 21st 1942

Frances stayed in bed this morning so it was all the way to town in the car for me - but first up to the Greeks for papers. Sunday Office - Work - to 12.20, then to Clark's Tavern for lunch. Shad Roe + Bacon - a long walk out Boylston St. to kill time - Aquarium shop on either Stuart St. Somewhat delayed - so a taxi back to Tremont, to the Shubert Theatre + to see "Louisiana Purchase" Frances arrived after the show started - she had been to the flower show - to Steuben's for lunch - and to Keith Memorial to see the movie "How Green Was My Valley" "Louisiana Purchase" was fine and I had a fine afternoon. Sat beside Mr. + Mrs. Campbell of Brockton - he asst Dist. atty of Plymouth County - also saw Albert Rockwood and John Beck + walked up to parking space behind the Paine Furniture Bldg. + to home, stopping at Curtis Drugstore for the papers. Hot Tea + Iced Coffee - Dinner. Cherry stone clams - Soup. Beef Stew - Toasted English Muffins - Prune Compote + Mary at the Augusts' for dinner + David at Cambridge partying - The hour exams are over



Sunday, March 22nd 1942

Up at 6.30 and downstairs. Heard the first Robin of Spring singing across the road -  
Down for the Sunday "Herald" at 7 Jane brought up  
my breakfast at 8.30 Orange juice - oatmeal -  
Finger Buns - Baked Beans - Catsup. Toasted  
English Muffins + Iced Coffee - Up at 9.30 - Hung  
group pictures in the Annex Hall. Filled the  
Air Raid Cells full of sand - had them put  
up in the attic + working at this and that  
all day - photo books - scrap Book - Dinner at  
2 - after 2 cups of Tea. Jellied Tomato Soup.  
Roast Lamb. Riced Potato. Gravy. Escalloped Onions -  
Green Peas. Toasted English Muffins - Milk -  
Lettuce Salad - Cheese - Custard with fruit -  
Working all afternoon + Frances took Peter  
and went down to the movies at the University -  
At 5.30 - saw the Robin - Peter spotted him.  
Mary has 3 friends in late afternoon to play  
bridge. A hot tub bath - Frances brought  
up my supper + Doing this and that  
all evening - hard work getting to  
sleep - it was nearly 2 A.M. +

Monday, March 23rd 1942 X

Frances down for a nuggle - Up early -  
Herald - Breakfast - Orange juice -  
Oatmeal. Baked Beans - Fried egg. Toast -  
Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances &  
David + (and Mrs. Libby calling up for another  
ride in town) Trugged in my suit case -  
full again and heavy - A <sup>Chapman St. Tany</sup> ~~slime~~ Office <sup>Shops</sup>  
Work. Busy - out to lunch at 12.15 with  
Everett Lane + chilly today - Went to Ada  
Bellock's Restaurant. at the corner of  
Tremont + Stuart Sts. Quite a Place. English  
Hunting Lodge Restaurant English Beef Broth -  
Barley + Fried Newick Clams - Tartar Sauce. Cole  
Slaw. Peas + Carrots Milk - Grape fruit. To  
Hyperis for party for John. Sweet Peas for  
the office + Woolworth's - 2 Photo books.  
Purple letter paper, Alphabetical file, Picture  
Wire - to Breck's - a Drnnison Seed Starter Set.  
5 Pds of Mica grow soil, 6 pack Kager Annual  
flower seeds + 6 of C. Cigar for John and an  
orange. Back to the office + Work. Left at 4.20  
Sulway. Square. to Brattle St. Florist another  
Bouquet for Frances + Met her at Church St.  
(Mrs. Libby with her) Home. Took my black  
with white pencil stripe suit my to Bernstein  
the Tailor - to be retailed to fit my shape.



Back to the house. Fixed up the Seed Starter  
Set. Planted Heavenly Blue Morning glories,  
Asters, Sweet Sultans, Lupins & Bachelor  
Buttons, Dinner + Chicken Soup. Roast  
shoulder of Lamb. Roast Potato, Gravy.  
Broccoli + Tomato Aspic + Lettuce Salad -  
Cream of Tartar Biscuits - Milk Custard with  
Orange pieces. Before dinner had a cup  
of tea and two glasses of iced coffee +



Monday Afternoon, March 23, 1942

Corporal John H. Benton  
Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Dear John:

The Pi Eta Grads' Night was all right -- the show good -- elected to the Graduate Advisory Board. Your Mother, Peter, and Andrew went Thursday night. The Directors' meeting Wednesday went off smoothly. Went to the Flower Show - Mechanic's Building - 1:45 to 3 P.M. Thursday. Boston Chamber of Commerce, Committee on Meetings, Luncheon, Friday. Classical record for the Magnavox -- Slavonic Dance 1 & 3, Dvorak. Going to have T. Stewart, the local electrician fix the door chimes. With your Mother to the Saturday matinee of "Louisiana Purchase".

Spring is supposed to have started -- something to do with the Vernal Equinox -- but still chilly and cold blasts from the northwest. Nevertheless, yesterday morning we heard the first robin and late in the afternoon Peter spotted him hopping around on the East lawn pulling long, fat, juicy worms out of the ground. Yesterday was quiet -- we had nobody in before dinner -- but Mary had Nan Norton, Ellen Northrup Shannon, and Dorothy Charlton in for bridge and supper. Peter is driving the "Mercury" a bit. I saw it in front of the house this morning and ejaculated "Who left the car out front all night." Peter reguishly said, "I brought it down from the garage a few minutes ago". "How were you able to back it out of the garage?" "I put it in reverse."

Well, in a few days you will be making for home, and that will be all right too, and that's all the news from here.

With Love,

JRB:BCC













LUNCHEON HERE-

MONDAY-MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> 1942





## APPETIZERS

Tomato Juice.....	10	Shrimp Cocktail.....	35
Crab Meat Cocktail....	30	Grapefruit Juice.....	10
Fresh Fruit Cup.....	15	Little Neck Clams.....	40
Anchovies on Lettuce	40	Bluepoint Oysters .....	35

## SOUPS

English Beef Broth, Barley Bowl.....	20	Green Split Pea, Croutons Cup.....	10
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## SANDWICHES

(PLAIN OR TOASTED)

Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato .....	30
Sliced Chicken, Lettuce, Mayonnaise .....	50
Baked Ham and Swiss Cheese .....	35
Open Lobster Salad, Potato Chips .....	60
Hot Chicken Sandwich, Brown Gravy, French Fried Potatoes .....	60
Toasted Junior Club Sandwich (Chicken, Tomato, Bacon, Crisp Lettuce, Mayonnaise), Potato Chips .....	60
Western .....	25
Open Grilled American Cheese, Bacon Strip.....	30
Cream Cheese and Jelly.....	25

## SALADS

(WITH ROLLS)

Chef's Special Salad with Sardines.....	65
Sea Food Salad Plate .....	75
Fresh Vegetable Salad (Cooked), Choice of Dressing .....	40
Pineapple Ring, Cream Cheese Mounds, Nuts .....	50
Chicken Salad, Tomato Sections .....	55
Crab Meat Surprise .....	85
Fresh Garden Salad, Dressing .....	40

FRENCH FRIED POTATOES OR POTATO CHIPS  
SERVED WITH SALADS

## TODAY'S COCKTAIL SPECIAL

Glass of Port Wine 20      Club Size Beer 10      Manhattan 25

## LUNCHEONS

Tomato Juice, Grapefruit Juice

or

English Beef Broth, Barley      Green Split Pea aux Croutons

Individual Beef Steak Pie, Buttered Beets, Whipped Potatoes .....	50
Baked Sausages, Apple Sauce, Buttered Carrots, Whipped Potatoes.....	50
Boiled Corned Shoulder, Fresh Spinach, Boiled Potato .....	50
Pan Fried Fresh Caught Butterfish, Buttered Beets, Whipped Potatoes .....	50
Hard Boiled Eggs, Potato Salad, Sliced Tomatoes .....	50
Fried Filet of Sole, Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, French Fried Potatoes .....	55
Spanish Omelette, New Peas, French Fried Potatoes .....	60
Broiled Boston Schrod, Lemon Butter, Buttered Beets, Fr. Fr. Potatoes .....	60
Braised Short Ribs of Beef, New Peas, Whipped Potatoes .....	65
Fried Ipswich Clams, Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, French Fried Potatoes .....	65
Broiled Lamb Chop, Rasher of Bacon, Buttered Carrots, Fr. Fr. Potato .....	70
Fried Scallops, Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, French Fried Potatoes .....	70
Beef Sirloin Tips en Brochette, Buttered Carrots, French Fried Potatoes .....	75
Broiled Fresh Halibut Steak, Maitre d' Hotel, Buttered Beets, Whipped Potatoes .....	80
Grilled Fresh Calf's Liver and Bacon, New Peas, Whipped Potatoes .....	85

Choice of Any Dessert

Hot Rolls and Butter

Tea or Coffee

## BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCHEON 45c

Chicken Giblets with Mushrooms, Sauté on Toast, New Peas,  
Whipped Potatoes  
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Grated Cheese  
Hot Roast Ham Sandwich, Buttered Carrots, Whipped Potatoes  
Hot Rolls and Butter

Pudding or Jello

Tea or Coffee

## HUNT ROOM SPECIALS

Broiled Lamb Chops on Toast, French Fried Potatoes, Vegetable .....	85
Broiled Sirloin Steak, Minute, French Fried Potatoes, Vegetable .....	95
Broiled Live Lobster, Drawn Butter, French Fried Potatoes .....	85
Roast Stuffed Spring Chicken, Cranberry Sauce, French Fried Potatoes, Vegetable .....	85
Lobster Salad Bowl (Freshly Opened), Potato Chips .....	90
Broiled Halibut Steak, Lemon Butter, French Fried Potatoes, Vegetable .....	65
Fried Scallops, Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, French Fried Potatoes .....	65
Club Sirloin Steak, Mushrooms, French Fried Potatoes, Vegetable .....	1.35
Fried Fresh Opened Lobster, Tartar Sauce, Vegetable, French Fried Potatoes .....	1.10
Fried Freshly Opened Oysters, Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, French Fried Potatoes .....	65

HOT ROLLS AND BUTTER SERVED WITH ABOVE ORDERS

## DESSERTS

Apple Pie	Pineapple Pie	Cocoanut Layer Cake
Grapenut Custard Pudding		Jello or Fruit Jello
Orange Sherbet		Apple Dumpling, Heavy Syrup
Vanilla, Chocolate Marshmallow or		Strawberry Royal Ice Cream

## BEVERAGES

Coffee with Cream....	10	Hot Chocolate,	
Tea (Pot) .....	10	Whipped Cream.....	15
Milk (Bottle) .....	10	Ginger Ale .....	10
Coca Cola.....	15		

LUNCHEON HERE-

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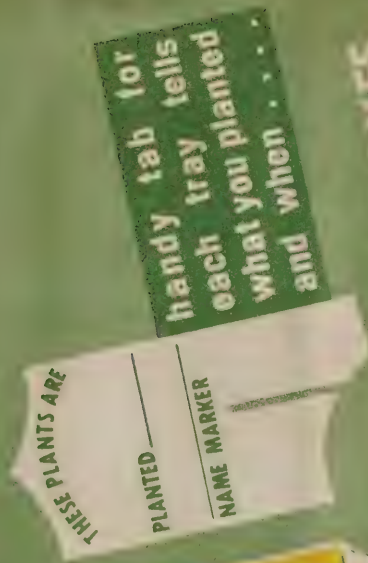
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March 23, 1942

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald  
21 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I think you will be interested in the enclosed photograph. The young lady is your daughter Rose, next to her is my wife, and the gentleman is my late father-in-law, Warren M. Hill. They are watching from the upper front piazza of my father's house at Belmont at the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company parading on the lawn below. The time was September 1911.

With Very Best Regards,

*Jay P. Benton*

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure





March 23, 1942

Mr. George I. Fellows  
Lancaster, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Fellows:

I was much distressed to read in the Lancaster paper of the passing of Mrs. Fellows. Guildhall indeed has lost a most valuable citizen, gentle and kind, an indefatigable worker, and interested in all good civic activities. It will be exceedingly difficult, if at all possible, to fill her place. Mrs. Benton and I shall miss her very much and realize how all her friends up there must feel. We extend our deepest sympathy and respectful regard to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Gay B. Benton*

JRB:ECC



Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 1942

Frances down for a nuggle + Breakfast.  
Orange juice - wheat germ - dropped egg on  
fish cake - catnip + iced Coffee. Toast.  
To the Square with Frances. Subway.  
~~Chapman Street~~ ~~Shirley~~ ~~Black~~ ~~Shoes~~ - at 12.15  
Office - work - out to lunch at 12.15  
Walked out Boylston St. with Everett  
Jane - Bought six monogrammed handker-  
chiefs at Khouis + to the Cafe Rouge at the  
Hotel Statler + Fried Eggs + Bacon on toast -  
Broiled Tomato - Butter Pats - Milk - Orange -  
On the way back into Meck's for four more  
packages of annual flower seeds - Office.  
Meeting of Real Estate Committee at 2. At 3.30  
Under direction of Judge Leo Leary. Practice  
air raid drill for every body in the home  
office - the firen - 4<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floors went to 3<sup>rd</sup>  
floor - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> floors down into the cellar.  
The whole thing went off very well. Left for  
home at 4.15 + Subway. Met Frances at Church  
St - gave Herbert Rogers a lift home + Cup of tea  
and glass of iced coffee + Planted the second half  
of the seed starter set - Peter learning to drive  
the car invited me for a drive around the  
block + Dinner. Soup Cold Roast Lamb -  
French Fried Potatoes + Broccoli au gratin -  
Tomato aspic + lettuce salad - roll - Milk +



Deep Dish Apple Pie - A piece of cheese +  
to bed at 7. Read the papers +  
The man was out today from  
Steinert's to regulate the Magnavox.  
Pickup + Poked in all the photos in  
the new Book tonight - took me  
a couple of hours +



CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Tue. Mar. 24, 1942

Dear Family:

Here we are well on into another week and another weekend coming up. It's a long, long stretch between leaves now.

Yesterday and today we are spending our time on the firing range trying to qualify as marksmen - we fire from all positions, prone, sitting, kneeling, standing and our scores are recorded in each.

Spent last night at the battery office. Bill

dropped in about eight-thirty  
with some Ballantine's Beer  
and we had a very pleas-  
ant time drinking it and  
listening to the radio.

Tonight if all goes well  
we plan to see "Ball of Fire"  
at the local theatre and  
then have supper at the  
Canteen after the show.

Quite a gay evening, what?

Had a fine time at  
Conamersat Saturday and  
Sunday evenings. Consequently I'm  
getting low on funds. Worth it  
though.

Be seeing you all  
soon.

Love

John









Luncheon Here -  
Tuesday -  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 1942

HOTEL STATLER



# 75c Suggestion:

TURKEY GIBLETS FRICASSEE  
WITH BAKED RICE AND NEW PEAS  
Chocolate Whip

Hot Rolls

Coffee, Tea or Milk

Please Do Not Ask For Substitutions



## APPETIZERS AND SOUPS

Cherrystone Clams 40	Small Fruit Cup 25
Little Neck Clams 40	Tomato Juice 15; Large 25
Blue Point Oysters 40	Cotuit Oysters 40
Cream Charlotte Statler . . .25; Cup 15	Chicken Broth with Rice . . .20; Cup 15

## Plate Luncheons

(with Rolls and Coffee, Tea or Milk)

When Served with Plate Luncheons, 10 cents a Portion

Soup du Jour	Tomato Juice	Cranberry Juice	Clam Juice Cocktail
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BOILED FRESH BEEF, HORSERADISH SAUCE, Buttered New Cabbage and Potato . . . .	80
THE CHEF'S RAVIOLIS WITH MEAT SAUCE and Parmesan Cheese . . . . .	65
BROILED FRESH MACKEREL, Buttered Potatoes and Grilled Tomato . . . . .	75
CREAMED CHICKEN AND MUSHROOMS IN PATTY with New Peas . . . . .	85
PAN BROWNED CORNED BEEF HASH with Baked Banana . . . . .	65
FRIED EGGS AND BACON ON TOAST with Broiled Tomato and Potatoes . . . . .	65
ROAST RIB OF PRIME BEEF, French Fried Potatoes and New String Beans . . . . .	1.30
GRILLED LAMB CHOP with New Spinach and Mashed Potatoes (20 min.) . . . . .	1.00
A FRESH VEGETABLE PLATE (Broccoli Hollandaise, Baby Carrots, Pickled Beets, Parslied Potato and Cottage Cheese Souffle) . . . . .	75
CHICKEN SALAD HOME STYLE, Toasted English Muffin, Cranberry Relish . . . . .	.80
GRILLED BAKED HAM SANDWICH Topped with Cheese Rarebit . . . . .	.70

(Extra Cup of Coffee 5 cents)

(MASS. OLD AGE TAX 5%)

Tuesday, March 24, 1942

## SALADS

(with Rolls)

Cooked Fresh Vegetable Salad Plate with Cottage Cheese.....	60
Fresh Fruit Salad Statler, Cream Dressing .....	65
The Chef's Special Green Salad. .50; with Sardines (2) .....	65
SPECIAL SALAD BOWL: A Bowl of Crisp Garden Greens with Julienne of Chicken and Tongue, Roquefort Cheese Lumps, Chef's Dressing .....	85
A Non-Fattening Salad Dressing will be Served on Request	

## SANDWICHES

Cream Cheese, Olive and Pimiento Sandwich, Sliced Orange.....	35
Creamed Roquefort Cheese and Grated Raw Carrot Sandwich, Celery Curls .....	40
Grilled Tuna Fish Sandwich with a Celery Heart.....	45
Hot Hamburger on Toasted Bun, Cole Slaw ..	50
Chopped Egg Salad Sandwich, Pickled Beets .....	35

## DESSERTS

Prune Butterscotch Whip.....	25
Miracle Cake .....	20
Coffee Gelatin .....	20
Old Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake. .35	
Assorted Homemade Cookies.....	20
Brownie (1) ....10; Macaroons.....	25
Caramel or Vanilla Cup Custard .....	20
Eclair.....	20
Fresh Rhubarb Pie .....	20
Ginger Apple Pie .....	20
Apple Pie .....	20
Rice Pudding ..25	Danish Pastry ..20
Cream, American or Swiss Cheese ....	25
Camembert or Roquefort Cheese .....	30
Liederkrantz .....	35

## FRUITS

Stewed Rhubarb .....	20
Stewed Apricots .....	20
Fresh Pineapple .....	30
Strawberries with Cream .....	30
Baked Apple .....	20; with Cream..25

## ICE CREAMS

Black Cherry Rum or Coffee.....	20
Fresh Strawberry or Toasted Pecan...20	
Chocolate or Vanilla Ice Cream .....	20
Biscuit Tortoni.....	30
Lemon or Raspberry Ice.....	20
Hot Fudge or Butterscotch Sundae ...	25
Ice Cream Pie, Strawberry Sauce .....	30
Ice Cream Sodas (all flavors).....	20

## BEVERAGES

Coffee (cup) 10; Extra Cup .....	05
Sweet or Buttermilk .....	10
Coffee or Tea (pot) .....	20
Instant Postum (cup) 10; (pot) .....	20
Chocolate or Cocoa (cup) 15; (pot) ...	25

CAFE ROUGE OF HOTEL STATLER IN BOSTON





March 24, 1942

Mr. George L. Yocum  
150 North Fourth Street  
Reading, Pennsylvania

Dear "Dutch":

I am tickled to death you put in my name as a reference for your boy Jim on his application for Exeter. If the kid is anything like his old man, it won't be many years before they will be hanging an oil painting in the Assembly Hall at P. E. A. of "Old Jim Yocum" -- one of Exeter's Most Distinguished Graduates.

It's swell that the boy is heading there -- and when you run up to see him now and then it will give us opportunities to hold reunions and discuss those old days at Quincy Hall when you used to improvise at the piano and I would spout the lyrics as the music came out. This antiquated "Tin Pan Alley" by years. Hope to be seeing you soon.

I saw a photograph Sunday of the "Bruderschaft" dining on Roast Pig-Suckling in the downstairs dining room at Pi Eta. I think that was the same spring we went down to Wonderland at Revere to see Annette Kellerman dive in to what then was a very small tank of water.

I will open up all the stops when they ask me about the boy.

Cheerfully yours,

*Jay R. Benton*

JRB:BCC



March 23, 1942

Prof. Corning Benton, Treasurer  
The Phillip Exeter Academy  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Corn: In acknowledgment of your kind letter of March 18, 1942, I am

It's been a long time since I have been to Exeter; almost as long since I have had the privilege of chatting with you. But it may be, with your perusal of the enclosed file, that I might be afforded such an opportunity in the not too distant future. At least I hope so.

And then there is the 35th Reunion in June. I have missed so many of them that I think I am going to be able to take this one in or else break a neck. Also Class Dinner this coming Friday night at the Harvard Club in New York City, and inasmuch as there is a Heavyweight Fight there later the same night, I think they can count me in on both unless of course they "Count Me Out" on the former so as to be unable to see the latter.

This younger son of mine, Jimmie, wants to go to Harvard, but prior to that he wants to spend a year at Exeter provided you fellows will give him the "Go" sign. Maybe I'm too late but he has all the makings mentally being in the National Junior Honor Society; seems like he might get somewhere on the piano, too. So if your faculty asks anything about me be sure not to tell 'em all you know.

Even though he doesn't have the same handle to his name, but plenty "Cornie," I am also addressing that namesake of yours, "Jay Rogers," of Belmont, Boston, Chelsea, and other points East, who's graduated from Fire Companies to Life Insurance and, before he kicks in will probably have meritedly been able to pen his Autobiography, "From A Black-Out to The White House," in many mo. volumes. And if I can't get my progeny



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Out.

My older son, George L., Jr. will be graduating in June after his year at Valley Forge Military Academy in Lehigh, Pennsylvania. He will be inducted in the United States Army in about 1965. I hope the reports in this issue are not all false.

and takes them, I want to try to inject into them, as far as possible, the idea of a general education as their means of survival and as a way to improve their lot.

In anticipation of your kind and thoughtful letter of closing  
the year, I am

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March 23, 1942

The Phillips Exeter Academy  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Refer to Prof. E. P. Rounds, Director of Admission, Please.

Gentlemen:

Thank you very kindly for yours of 13th inst. re intended application for my son, James M. Yocum. Having been away since your letter arrived, until today, I realize I am tardy with this matter but nevertheless I am putting it in motion for consideration, appending hereto the Preliminary Application, properly expedited.

My son filled out his necessary portion of the Application Blank last night, and has it with him today for submission to Prof. John Eisenhauer, Principal at the Reading Senior High School with the request to the latter to submit same direct to you by mail as promptly as possible.

Simultaneously I am addressing Prof. Corning Benton, your Treasurer, and Mr. Jay Rogers Benton, Pres. of The Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co., as references.

Yours very truly,

GLY-R

March 11, 1944

Refer to Prof. E. P. Randa, Director of Education, Bureau.

Thank you very much for the letter of March 10th. I am  
glad to hear that you are well. I am also glad to hear  
that you are still in the service. I am sure that you  
will continue to be a valuable asset to the Government.

By the way, I am sure that you will find the  
information in the letter of March 10th very helpful. I  
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Very truly yours,



# VERBENA

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Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 1942



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CHOICE MIXED

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STREET

**BRECK'S**

BOSTON, MASS.

85 FRANKLIN  
STREET

Seeds Started indoors. Tuesday, Mar 24<sup>th</sup> '42





March 24th 1942

## THE COLONEL:

# Quarrel About Money Holds Up Dog Dates



By Dave Egan

It is spring, and I know it.

Some know it by the calendar; some by the tender yellow buds on the forsythia bush; some by the fresh green asparagus on the plate; some by the kids shooting miggles; some by the man with the hand-organ, and some by the shivering robin redbreast or by the lusty woodpecker.



C. D. Wadsworth

was engaged as director of the Taunton Racing Association last year by the Messrs. Tom Pappas, Joe Lindsay, and others who form the noted association of sportsmen. It seems further that, at pay-off time, he received \$2500 for his services, and thinks that that is far less than he should have received.

There are many ways of telling that the spring of the year is here, but the way I tell it best is by the annual scrimmage for dog-racing dates. They are proceeding according to schedule now, so it must be Sprig.

This year, it is a quarrel about money among the Republican brethren which holds up the granting of dog-dates.

It seems that C. Desmond Wadsworth (business man, boxing commissioner, megaphone, etc., etc.), was engaged as director of the Taunton Racing Association last year by the Messrs. Tom Pappas, Joe Lindsay, and others who form the noted association of sportsmen. It seems further that, at pay-off time, he received \$2500 for his services, and thinks that that is far less than he should have received.

### Personal Quarrel

He has engaged the Hon. Will Crossley, district attorney of Bristol County, to represent him in this action, and they have asked the Racing Commission to grant no dates to any dog-track until C. Desmond Wadsworth's personal quarrel with the Taunton track is settled, presumably to the satisfaction of C. Desmond Wadsworth.

The average man, of course, is not expected to be as bright or as intelligent as the profound statesmen involved in these doings, and maybe he is disqualified from commenting for that very reason, but several questions immediately pop into the head of the ordinary citizen.

What, for example, has C. Desmond Wadsworth's quarrel with the Taunton track got to do with the Raynham track? What has it to do with Wonderland Park at Revere? What has it to do with an industry which, last year, turned \$1,461,886.77 into the strongbox of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts? What has it to do, come to think of it, with the Massachusetts Racing Commission?

The racing commission (bad 'cess to it, and to all commissions) was set up to supervise the sport of horse and dog racing, and to see that the Commonwealth was not short-changed. It was set up, further, to provide a variety of jobs for political hacks who guessed right at the last election, and had better guess right at the next one if they wish to retain their jobs.

It was not set up as a court of law, to decide who owes whom and if so, how much, and a good thing that is, too, for Mr. Elmer Nelson of the commission and the other nonentity whose name always eludes me always vote together on all issues, right or wrong, and thereby nullify the efforts of Chairman Charles F. Connors to accomplish anything of a constructive nature.

My suggestion (strictly as an ordinary citizen interested in a \$1,500,000 income for the Commonwealth) is that Mr. C. Desmond Wadsworth take his claim to a civil court, if he has a claim, and settle it there

before a judge and jury, and permit a million-and-a-half dollar business to go its course.

## Stands by Chum

If this is not done, no dog dates will be granted this year. Elmer Nelson and his stooge on the racing commission have drawn themselves up to their full height of four-feet-one and are fighting the claim of C. Desmond Wadsworth, just as if their own money was involved. It seems that Commr. Nelson and Owner Tom Pappas are fast friends, who formerly occupied office space together, and in a critical juncture like this, where money is involved, Elmer is standing by his old chum, Pappas, and is unalterably opposed to the demands of Boxing Commr. Wadsworth.

Let me state that if a labor union held up the progress of a million-and-a-half-dollar industry, there would be immediate outcries against a 40-hour week. Apparently, however, it is cricket for our statesmen of the racing and boxing commissions to haggle over a few dollars while the dog-racing industry and the old folks whom it benefits hold their hats in their hands.

Let me further state that this is a very peculiar boxing commission we have, as well as a very peculiar racing commission. One of our boxing commissioners, Sam Smith, is too busy refereeing wrestling matches in Montreal to attend a hearing which he himself called. The other, C. Desmond Wadsworth, is too busy shackling the dog industry to be interested. And both of them have so many extra-curricular activities that they practically ignore the sport of boxing—which may be a good thing, at that.

## Tracks Seek Dates

And the racing commission is so busy defending Tom Pappas and Joe Linsay of the Taunton track that it quite forgets that the Revere Racing Ass'n, which operates the greatest dog-track on the continent, has asked for 100 nights of racing starting on May 15; and that Russ Murray and his group at Raynham have asked for 50 nights starting in July.

My suggestion—not as a statesman who guessed right once, and had better continue guessing right, but as an average man—is that this unseemly farce has gone far enough; that the Messrs. Nelson and his stooge were not appointed commissioners to fight the fight of the Taunton track; and that they had better get down to the exhausting business of issuing dates to those who deserve them.

If they don't, I shall not only sneer my best sneer at them. I shall mention, three or four times, the name of Lieut. Eddie O'Hare.



Wednesday, March - 25<sup>th</sup> 1942

The flea kept me awake all hours last night - nearly two o'clock before I finally could get to sleep. Frances, coming down for a amigle work up at 6.45 - Very tired this morning. Shivered eggs & bacon. Frances went out to the bank to retrieve a couple of watches for me. To the Square with her. Sullivan. Chauncy St. Shine on Black shoes. Office. Work practically all day on Probate Accounts & out to lunch at 12.20 with Brett Lane - to Wamuth's - had fried Breast of Lamb. Dandelion greens - Roll - Butter - Milk - Orange. & to the Deposit Vault & Office - more ~~work~~ work 2 to 4.15 - at 2 a conf. Mary, Lane saw a Mr. Lantry who is looking for mortgage money on Church properties in Conn. left for home at 4.15 & Met. Frances at Church St. Miss. Richard with her & Home. The men from Knight & Thomas were at the house recharging the two large fire extinguishers & The new curtain shades for Peter's Room arrived from R. H. White's & David drove me over to Mother's at 79 Richmond Road - a pleasant call for

a half hour. Hannah there part of  
the time + Home at 6. Dinner at  
6.40 + Jellied Soup. Cod steak -  
Saus. Parsley Potato, Shell Beans -  
Lettuce & cucumber salad - French  
Bread & Butter - Milk. Prune Compote -  
up stairs to bed at 7. Tired tonight -  
So here's for a long night's sleep +

Nicholas Benton

10 Webster Hall - Phillips Exeter Academy

Wednesday morning  
March 26, 1942

Dear Mom & Dad,

The concert with Radcliffe went  
very well.

I need a new pair of shoes very  
badly. My sport shoes have broken through  
at the top and my brown shoes have  
holes in the soles. Could you have a  
pair of brown shoes size 10 (very plain  
looking) with rubber soles at the house  
when I get home on Friday afternoon. I  
need them very much.

The junior class picture will be  
taken today at 2:00.

We're having movies tomorrow  
night, and the classes on Friday are  
shortened to 40 min.



So during vacation I've got to think  
up a snappy poem of about 20 lines.  
So whether you win the prize or not it  
will show on your report card.

It must have been corker to receive  
a medal from V.F.W.

I saw John Rogers' wife to be picture  
in the Boston Herald. It was the biggest  
scare I've had since "Frankenstein!"

Love,

Nick

The time passes so slowly, but it won't be long now.

When I'm in Boston I plan to see "Watch on the Rhine," "Hallelujah," and "High Kickers."

Some good comments:

The maid said that I had the neatest room in the dorm.

My English teacher said I had improved greatly but there would be no change in mark, but that when I come back for a new marking period "things" should happen. Also there is an English contest of which poems and compositions can be handed in for a 15 dollar prize. Everyone has to enter because what ever you write counts 3 week end times so if I got a B - I would get 3 B's and if I got a C - I would get 3 C's and etc.





March 25, 1942

Miss Louise R. Weiscopf  
New England News Company  
30 Garrison Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Weiscopf:

Kindly find enclosed my check for \$3.00  
for which mail to me:

"FAST IMPERFECT" by Ilka Chase  
and  
"CROSS CREEK" by Marjorie K. Rawlings.

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

Jay R. Benton  
3 Pequossette Road  
Belmont, Mass.

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure





MY AMERICA

Guadalupe, Puerto Rico  
March 23, 1942

I received the bonners you sent and I like them very much. I have them put up in my room. Daddy liked his war maps and was taking very much too. He also said that he would write you when he has time.

I am going to have a hundred chicks. My mother says that I have to take care of them. When you come up you can have some fried chicken.

We had a blackout March 1942, the city dark out, no street lights.

I do hope that this old war



don't keep you from selling us the summer,

June  
June

P.

We are thinking of you and your family  
and would like to hear from you. Please  
address me to Mr. Francis and all the  
family.







March 26, 1942

Mr. Nicholas Benton  
Box 534  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Nicholas:

Here is another five dollars which will put you in funds for the railroad fare home for your spring vacation and what's left over for a movie or so, tutti-fruitti, and so on.

It will be grand to have you home for a week and a half, and particularly for David's twenty-first birthday and the Easter Parade.

With Love,

JRB:BCC  
Enclosure



# Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE  
160 CONGRESS STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.



FEBRUARY

MARCH

March 26, 1942

To the Field Force:

The "Race" is almost finished - still about two days left to write one ordinary or more in order to have it reach the Home Office in time to be issued in March so it can be credited for the President's Campaign.

Monday, March 30th, is the dead-line for applications to be acted on at the Home Office. Therefore, see that ALL ordinary applications reach the Home Office by that date.

ACT AT ONCE - \$1,000 MORE MAY PUT YOU OVER THE TOP!

Yours for a glorious finish,

*W. H. Moody*

Superintendent of Agencies.



WASHINGTON

MARCH 1943



March 20, 1943

Dear Sir:

The "House" is almost finished - still about two days left to write one ordinary or more in order to have it reach the Home Office in time to be issued in March so it can be considered for the President's Committee.

Monday, March 30th, is the deadline for applications to be acted on at the Home Office. Therefore, see that all ordinary applications reach the Home Office by that date.

NOT AT ONCE - \$1,000 MONEY MAY PUT YOU OVER THE TOP

Yours for a glorious finish,

*W. H. Murray*

Superintendent of Agriculture

WINKLES-IN-TOWN, INC. 37 RIVER ST. BOSTON

Breakfast is served from 7.30 to 9.30

MASS. OLD AGE TAX 5% LUNCHEON

March 26, 1942

Creamed chicken shortcake		.65
Sliced lamb in gravy		.65
Hamburg steak		.65
Lamb chop		.65
With vegetable, dessert & beverage		
Vegetable plate--battered carrots--sliced beets-- lettuce--boiled potato		.65
Soup and salad		.65
Small salad with Table d'Hote 13/4 extra today's special		
Raw carrot & green pepper salad-cottage cheese- rolls--beverage		.45
A la Carte		
Soup: Bake bean & tomato	.10	.20
Juices: Tomato	.10	.15
Grapefruit		.15
Vegetables:	.10	.25
Rib lamb chop & vegetable	.55	two .75
Salads: Vegetable & cottage cheese		.55
Grapefruit, orange & apple		.55
Sandwiches: Chopped egg		.10
Lettuce & tomato		.20
Red pepper relish & lettuce		.15
Raw carrot & cottage cheese		.15
Desserts		
snow pudding-custard sauce		.15
Ginger & nut blanc mange		.15
fruit jelly		.15
Baked custard-caramel sauce		.15
Apple pie		.15
Marble cake		.10
Maple nut cake		.10
Vanilla ice cream	.10 with sauce	.15
Baked apple	.10 with cream	.15
Half grapefruit		.15

LUNCHEON HERE-

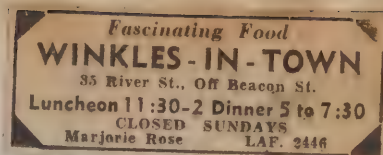
THURSDAY,

MARCH 26, 1942





M. D. Liming, Secretary of The Boston  
Chamber of Commerce came over today  
to tell me that I have been  
nominated for the Board of Directors.



Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 1942

Had a good night's sleep. Frances down  
for a purgule - Cod steak for breakfast.  
To the Square with Frances - (Mrs. Hibby  
called up again for a ride into Red Cross)  
Subway. Stair on Arch St. Office.  
Again working practically all day  
on probate accounts - out to lunch  
at 12.15 with Everett Lane. A walk  
across the Common - Sunshine - to  
35 River St - to a new place -  
Winkles-in-Town - only fair -  
Had sliced Lamb in Gravy - Buttered  
Carrots - Rolls - Butter - Milk - Orange.  
Back to the office + Work all after-  
noon + left at 4.15 - Subway Square.  
Woolworths - 3 Bottles of mullage + Met Frances  
at Church St. (Mrs. Hibby with her) Home. 2 glasses  
of Iced Coffee + Sorted out shirts - put my  
colored ones in the cheffonier in my bed room.  
Girls out. Frances cooking killed Cucumber - Lamb Chop.  
Baked Potato - Bratwurst. Peas. Toast - Milk - Custard +  
Orange slices. Lettuce - Russian Dressing. Up stairs at 7. Went  
through a box of clippings from the dark closet. This one  
of the 1916 Republican National Convention + On the way  
to lunch stopped in at Penn the Florist to order some  
spring flowers to be sent to Helen August Miller at  
the Monell Wyman House. Her baby arrived earlier in  
the week.

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 1942

Had another good night's sleep + For breakfast - orange juice + Raisins - fried eggs - toast - Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances. Helen Jameson along Sulway. Talking with Melville Fuller Weston. Cofe. for goods for John + Office. Working all day on Probate Account - out to lunch at 12.15 + to Chinese Restaurant at 8 Tyler St. Joy Hong Low + Food excellent. Had. Fresh Shrimp Chop Suey + Egg of Foyyong + Green Vegetables. Bread + Butter. Tea - Orange. Gave me a box of Chinese Candy and Almond Cakes to take home. Back to the office at 1.30 - work to 4. Then Sulway to the Square. Tried to get the Classical Record at McKennas - also Briggs + Briggs - but no luck. Met David at Church St. Frances had got home early. Helen Jameson with her. Nicholas home from Exeter for his spring vacation. Jim is up from duty to visit Mary. Arrived last evening. Dinner. Jellied Soup. Filet of Sole + Stuffed Potato. Pars + Cole Slaw - Mink - Orange Compote +



# 樓香醉

TELEPHONE  
HUBbard 4966

## Joy Hong Low Restaurant

8 TYLER STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

All Kinds of Orders Put up in Perfect Condition to Take Out  
Open Daily From 11 A.M. To 12:30 A.M.

LUNCHEON HERE-FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1942



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## Friday Specials To-day

SERVED FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

### Bean Sprout Soup

.....

Subgun Chow Mein .....45¢

Chicken Chow Mein .....45¢

Fresh Vegetable Chop Suey.....45¢

Fresh Shrimp Chop Suey.....45¢

Egg Foyong.....45¢

Fried Rice With Chicken.....45¢

Fried Chicken With Fr. Fr. Potatoes.55¢

Fried Lobster (Chinese Style).....65¢

Fresh Shrimp With Tomatoes.....65¢

Fried Shrimp With Lobster Sauce.....75¢

.....

Boiled Rice Or Bread And Butter

Tea .....And .....Chinese Cake

.....

Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer.....25¢

Ballantine Ale .....25¢

Beck's Beer.....25¢

## *Announcement*

*The management of this restaurant feels that it might assist, in a humble way, further to introduce Chinese Culture to the American people. Hence it has spared no effort to secure the most competent Chinese Chefs to prepare such Chinese delicacies as the scholar and official classes have for centuries relished and enjoyed. The preparation and service of food is as much a Fine Art in China as any other of the Major arts so highly admired in the West.*

*We specialize in All Chinese Cooking. All ingredients used are of the finest quality. Each and every order is properly seasoned, making it satisfactorily tasteful. Each order is well proportioned as to the amount of meat and vegetable and with no synthetic flavoring.*

*For patrons who are more familiar with the Chinese dishes we can readily prepare them a full course dinner of domestic style at nominal charge per person. To fulfill these promises we must ask you to give us at least two days' time in advance, hence allowing our chefs time to make preparation. This is merely a humble attempt to promote better Chinese and American understanding, by presenting one of the long-neglected aspects of Chinese culture to our honored guests.*

## *Some Suggestions to Our Patrons*

*Due to the past experiences we wish to make known to our patrons the many different ways of ordering a real Chinese dinner. In this menu, we have hundreds of varieties of real Chinese dishes and each dish has its own flavor. It consists of (1) soup (2) chicken (3) beef (4) pork (5) seafood (6) eggs (7) rice (8) pastry and noodles, and (9) course dinner. It is up to our patrons whatever dishes they desire to have. In case you wish to know more, in some of the dishes which you don't quite understand, it is our pleasure to explain to you. If you desire to have a course dinner, there are many at various prices ranging from 75 cents to 2 dollars and we are always ready to assist you to pick the best. We appreciate very much if you would tell us some of the foods that you do not like while you give us the order. We would also appreciate your cooperation by telling us some of the dishes that you like best so that we can suggest those particular dishes to our patrons in the future.*

LUNCHEON HERE - FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1942



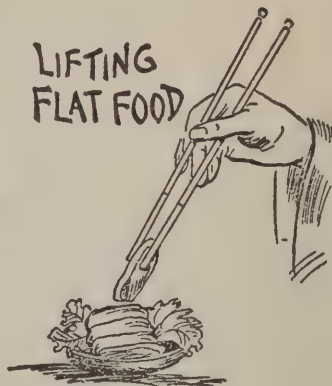
## CHOPSTICKS

The Chinese use chopsticks because they consider the knife and fork barbaric. "We sit at table to eat, not to cut up carcasses," they said.

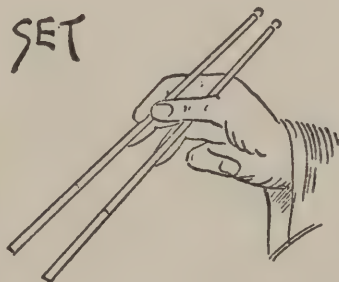
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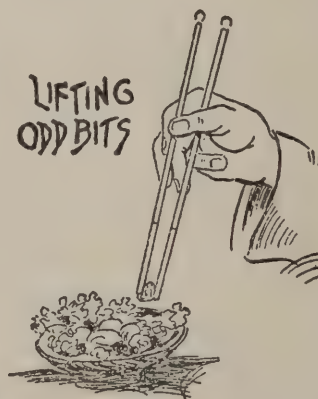
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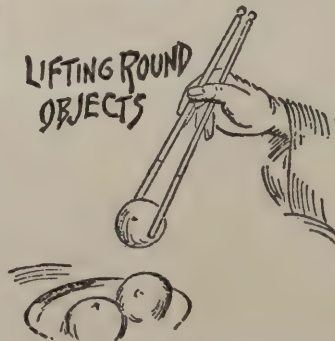
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# Chinese Bill of Fare

## SPECIAL DINNER

Served 5 to 8.30 P.M.

50c

Soup

Choice of One

Subgum Chow Mein

Chicken Chow Mein

Fried Rice with Meat

Boiled Rice ..... or ..... Bread and Butter

Tea

Pepper Chop Suey

Beef Chop Suey

Pork Chop Suey

Dessert

## BUSINESS MEN'S FULL COURSE DINNER

80c

Yorka Mein Soup

Chicken Chow Mein

Vegetable Chow Yoke

Rice or Bread, Tea and Dessert

\$1.05

Chicken Noodle Soup

Subgum Chow Mein

Chicken Chop Suey

Rice or Bread, Tea and Dessert

## TABLE D'HOTE

(1)

DINNER FOR TWO (1)

\$1.70

White Mushroom Soup

Fried Lobster (Chinese Style)

Subgum Chow Mein

Chinese Roast Pork (Small)

Rice    Tea    Dessert

(2)

DINNER FOR TWO (2)

\$1.90

White Mushroom Soup

Fried Chicken

Subgum Chow Mein

Chinese Roast Pork (Small)

Rice    Tea    Dessert

## DINNER FOR THREE

\$3.15

Bird's Nest Soup

MO GOO GAI KUE

(Special Breaded Chicken with Mushroom and Vegetable)

JOY HONG LOW CHOW MEIN

(Special Prepared)

SUBGUM HAR DANG

(Fine Cut Shrimp with Variety of Vegetable)

Tea    Rice    Dessert

## HEAD CHEF DE LUXE

\$3.95

(Served for Four Only)

LIN DOO GAI GONG

(Chicken Soup with Lotus Buds)

Hong Yen Gai Dang

(Special Dice Cut Chicken Chop Suey with Almonds)

Chicken Chow Mein (Canton Style)

Shrimp Egg Foyoung

Chinese Roast Pork

Tea    Rice    Dessert

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# Chinese Bill of Fare

## SOUP

Noodle Soup .....	.10	Bean Sprout Soup .....	.25
Chicken Soup .....	.25	Woon Toon (Chinese Ravioli)	
Chicken Rice Soup .....	.25	Soup .....	.40
Chicken Soup with Sweet Peas..	.30	Black Mushroom Soup .....	.65
Chicken Noodle Soup (Large)..	.50	Bean Curd Soup .....	.35
Small .....	.25	Chinese Cabbage Soup .....	.35
Mushroom Noodle Soup .....	.30	White Mushroom Soup (Large)..	.65
Tomato Rice Soup .....	.30	Small .....	.30
Yorka Mein Soup .....	.25	Scrambled Egg Soup .....	.50
Green Vegetable Soup (Chinese		Bird's Nest Soup .....	.60
Style) .....	.30	Young Cho War Mein .....	1.30

## CHOP SUEY

Pork Chop Suey .....	.40	Pineapple Chop Suey .....	.60
Beef Chop Suey .....	.45	Shrimp Chop Suey .....	.80
Beef Chop Suey with Mushrooms	.70	Boneless Fish Chop Suey .....	.80
Chop Suey without Meat .....	.40	Joy Hong Low Chop Suey .....	.80
Tomato Chop Suey .....	.55	Li Hong Chong Chop Suey with	
Pepper Chop Suey .....	.55	Almonds .....	.85
Pepper Chop Suey with Beef....	.60	Fine Cut Subgum Chop Suey with	
Egg Foo Yong Chop Suey.....	.60	Almonds .....	.70
Sam Sue Chop Suey .....	.60	Fresh Lobster Chop Suey with	
Qui Far Chop Suey .....	.60	Almonds .....	1.20
White Mushroom Chop Suey ...	.75	Bacon Chop Suey .....	.45
Roast Pork Chop Suey .....	.60	Black Mushroom Chop Suey....	.75
Vegetable Chop Suey with Al-			
monds .....	.75		

## CHICKEN CHOP SUEY

Chicken Chop Suey .....	.60	Chicken Chop Suey with Pine-	
Chicken Chop Suey with Green		apple (Large) .....	1.05
Pepper .....	.75	Small .....	.75
Chicken Chop Suey with White		Chicken Chop Suey with Al-	
Mushrooms .....	.75	monds (Large) .....	1.05
Large .....	1.05	Small .....	.75
Chicken Liver Chop Suey .....	.55	Large Chicken Chop Suey .....	.90
		Special Chicken Chop Suey....	.80

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# Chinese Bill of Fare

## VEGETABLE AND CHOW YOKE (FRIED MEAT)

Green Pepper with Pork or Beef	.60	Pepper with Roast Pork.....	.70
Tomatoes with Pork or Beef....	.55	String Beans with Roast Pork..	.55
Green Vegetable with Pork or Beef .....	.45	Mixed Vegetable with Roast Pork	.85
White Cabbage with Pork or Beef (in season) .....	.45	Mixed Vegetables with Pork....	.80
String Beans with Pork or Beef.	.45	Bean Cake with Pork or Beef...	.55
Chinese Cabbage with Pork ....	.45	Mushroom with Pork or Beef	1.00
White Cabbage or Green Cabbage with Roast Pork .....	.55	Pineapple with Pork or Beef....	.65
Beef with Ginger .....	.65	Subgum Sweet Peas with Roast Pork .....	.55
Steamed Pork (Chinese Style)...	.45	Green Peas in Pod with Pork or Beef (in season) .....	.80
Sweet and Sour Spare Ribs.....	.45	Chinese Vermicelli with Pork...	.55
Subgum Sweet and Sour Spare Ribs .....	.55	Chinese Water Chestnut with Pork .....	.80
Chinese Roast Pork .....	.45	Sweet and Sour Breaded Pork...	.80

## CHOW MEIN

Chicken Chow Mein .....	.70	Roast Pork Chow Mein .....	.75
For two .....	1.25	Pineapple Chow Mein .....	.70
For three .....	1.85	Hu Ben Mein .....	.90
Subgum Chow Mein with Almonds .....	.85	Shrimp Chow Mein .....	.80
For two .....	1.35	Pork Chow Mein .....	.55
For three .....	1.85	Beef Chow Mein .....	.60
Fresh Lobster Chow Mein .....	1.20	Vegetable Chow Mein .....	.70
Chow Mein (Canton Style) ....	.90	Gar Far Chow Mein .....	.80
Large Chicken Chow Mein (Canton Style) (for two) .....	1.20	Egg Fu-Yong Mein .....	.70
For three .....	1.80	Pepper Chow Mein .....	.75
Mushroom Chow Mein .....	.75	Plain Fried Noodles .....	.25
Chicken Mushroom Chow Mein.	.90	Plain Fried Noodles (Canton Style)	.40
		Yee Foo Mein (Chinese Style)..	1.30
		Gum Su Chow Mein .....	1.05

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# Chinese Bill of Fare

## RARE DELICACIES

### HON YEN GAI DANG

An assortment of chicken, almonds, water chestnuts, bamboo shoots, etc. All dice cuts and cooked like chop suey.... \$1.55

### MO GOO GAI PAN

This order consists of chicken, white mushrooms, water chestnuts, bamboo shoots, etc. Cooked like chop suey.. 1.40

### BOA LO GAI PAN

This dish is about the same as Mo Goo Gai Pan, only adding pineapple to it ..... 1.55

### TOLL GOO GAI KUE

This dish is highly recommended by the management to patrons who are in want of chicken with all kinds of seasonable greens and some fine imported straw mushrooms ..... 1.80

### MO GOO GAI KUE

Here you have something of the same of Mo Goo Gai Pan with the exchange of vegetables for taste of some fine imported juicy bamboo shoots and water chestnuts... 1.80

### LICHEE GAI KUE

Lichee, a fruit grown only in Canton, China, famous to the extent of its "Nuts," preserved and exported to foreign countries, and we cook the fruit with chicken. Try it. It's something different ..... 1.80

### TOI SAM GAI KUE

Fried chopped chicken in ball shape (boneless) with a variety of seasonable green vegetables. Its concoction gives an aromatic flavor ..... 1.80

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# Chinese Bill of Fare

## POULTRY

Fried Chicken (Half) .....	1.00	Fried Boneless Chicken with	
Fried Chicken with Pineapple...	1.20	Onion .....	1.25
Fried Chicken with Almonds...	1.20	Fried Boneless Chicken with	
Fried Chicken with Onions....	1.15	Walnuts .....	1.35
Fried Chicken with Mushrooms.	1.25	Breaded Fried Boneless Spring	
Fried Boneless Chicken .....	1.10	Chicken (Canton Style) in	
Fried Boneless Chicken with		Batter .....	1.55
Mushrooms .....	1.35	Breaded Fried Boneless Chicken	
Fried Boneless Chicken with		(Ning King Style) .....	1.55
Pineapple .....	1.30	Fried Chicken Braised (Chinese	
Fried Boneless Chicken with Al-		Style) Half .....	1.05
monds .....	1.35		

## EGGS

Egg Foyong .....	.55	Lobster Egg Foyong .....	1.20
Chicken Egg Foyong .....	.85	Roast Pork Egg Foyong .....	.60
Shrimp Egg Foyong .....	.80	Crab Meat Egg Foyong .....	.80
Mushroom Egg Foyong .....	.75	Sweet Peas Egg Foyong .....	.60
Ham Egg Foyong .....	.60	Egg Rolls .....	.40
Lun Far Scrambled Egg .....	.65	Fried Egg with Special Chop	
Subgum Egg Foyong .....	.60	Suey .....	.90
Scrambled Egg with Sprout ....	.50		

## RICE

Fried Rice .....	.45	Pepper Fried Rice .....	.55
Chicken Fried Rice .....	.55	Fresh Lobster Fried Rice .....	1.05
Mushroom Fried Rice .....	.55	Crab Meat Fried Rice .....	.80
Shrimp Fried Rice .....	.65	Ham Fried Rice .....	.45
Subgum Fried Rice .....	.65	Plain Boiled Rice (Small) .....	.05
Tomato Fried Rice .....	.55	(Large) .....	.10
Beef Fried Rice .....	.55	Bread and Butter .....	.05

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# Chinese Bill of Fare

## SEA FOOD

Fried Fresh Lobster (Chinese Style) .....	1.00	Fried Shrimp with Tomatoes....	.80
Fried Shrimp (without shell)....	.80	Fried Shrimp with Vegetables...	.80
Fried Shrimp (with shell).....	.70	Fried Shrimp with Green Peppers	.80
Boneless Fish with Pineapple....	.80	Fried Butterfly Shrimp .....	1.05
Fried Shrimp with Lobster Sauce	.95	Fried Shrimp Ball .....	1.55
Fried Subgum Shrimp .....	.90	Steamed Fish (Chinese Style)....	.35
		Chow Har Kue .....	.90

## VEGETABLES

Sliced Onion .....	.20	Heart of Celery .....	.25
Sliced Tomatoes .....	.25	Sliced Green Peppers .....	.20
French Fried Potatoes .....	.20		

## SAUCE

Mushroom Sauce .....	.55	Fried Onion Sauce .....	.30
Lobster Sauce .....	.35	Duck Sauce .....	.15

## SALAD

Vegetable Salad .....	.55	Shrimp Salad .....	.55
Chicken Salad .....	.75	Lobster Salad .....	1.00

## SANDWICHES

Chicken Sandwich .....	.30	Chinese Roast Pork Sandwich..	.25
Ham Sandwich .....	.20	Chop Suey Sandwich .....	.25

## DRINK LIST

Canada Dry Sparkling Water... .20	Ballantine Ale .....	.25
Canada Dry Ginger Ale .....	Milk, per Glass .....	.05
Blue Ribbon Beer .....	Budweiser .....	.25

## DESSERTS

Gum Kwats .....	.25	Preserved Lichee Fruits .....	.55
Preserved Ginger .....	.25	Preserved Dragon Eyes (Fruits)..	.55
Chinese Almond Cakes .....	.10	Chinese Preserved Mixed Fruits.	.25
Sliced Pineapple .....	.25	Little Oranges and Mixed Fruits	
Chinese Candies .....	.20	in Jar .....	.55
Pineapple Pie .....	.10		

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DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
71 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

March 27, 1942

Mr. Jay R. Benton,  
160 Congress Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Benton:

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Received - Benton

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Attended to viz:

Over a period of several months, the Department of Massachusetts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been contacting Massachusetts men in all branches of war service in an endeavor to ascertain some essential need which our organization might help to meet.

The result was not altogether surprising to our membership. The requests for cigarettes and tobacco outnumbered all others. Consequently, after careful consideration by our officers and members, it was unanimously voted that we do something about providing free tobacco and cigarettes, to be distributed under the supervision of service chaplains, or other designated officers, where this can be arranged.

Based upon all information that we have been able to obtain, this undertaking will not duplicate nor conflict with the work being done by any other agency. We cannot hope to provide an inexhaustible supply of tobacco or cigarettes but we surely can help where the need seems to be greatest.

If you feel that this undertaking merits your interest and cooperation, your recommendations and suggestions, as a member of our Tobacco Fund Advisory Committee, should prove most helpful. Without obligating you in any way, or trespassing unnecessarily upon your time, may we be privileged to enlist you as a member of this committee?

We are hopeful of, and should greatly appreciate, your early and favorable response.

Cordially yours,  
Department of Massachusetts  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

*Joseph C. Peterson*  
Commander





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SENT TO JOHN

CAMP EDWARDS

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

HALF DOZEN HUYLER'S PECAN ROLLS  
ORANGE  
DUBONNET CIGAR  
SUNDAY FUNNIES  
"GAGS"

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

LOOK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

8 DOROTHY MURIEL AFTERNOON COFFEE RINGS  
ORANGE  
GOLDEN DAWN CIGAR  
"PEEK"  
2 PACKAGES CHOCOLATE SQUARES  
"CORONET"

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

"FUN"

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

BAR BAKER'S MILK CHOCOLATE WITH COCONUT & CASHEWS: BAR HERSHEY'S  
BITTER SWEET CHOCOLATE, MOUNDS, M & M'S, BEEMAN'S PEPSIN GUM,  
BAG OF PEANUTS  
APPLE  
YANKEE CIGAR  
"LIFE"

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

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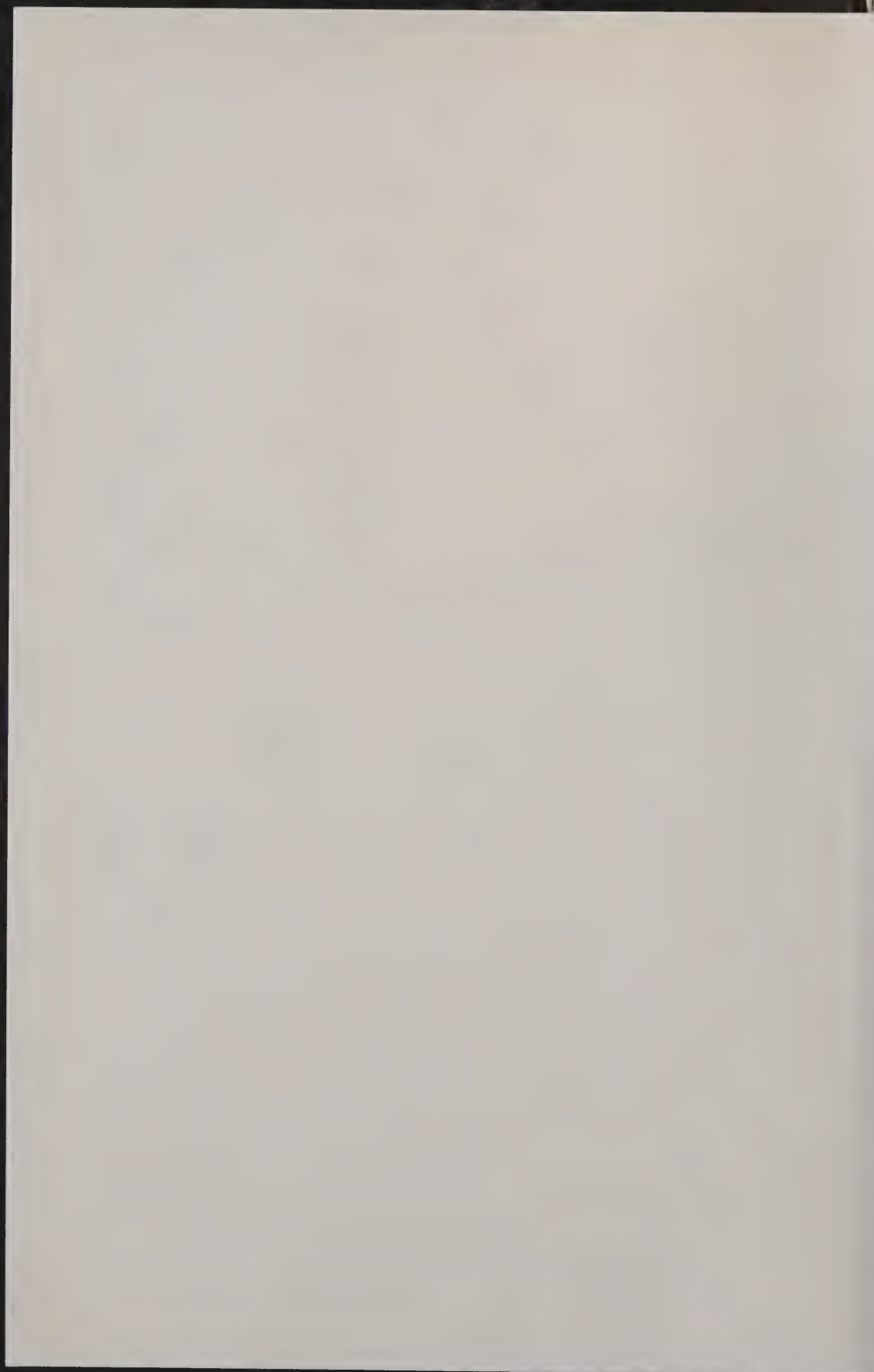






*FORTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL STATEMENT*

*JANUARY, 1942*



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Forty-second Annual Statement  
of the  
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.  
Year Ending  
December 31, 1941

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## **FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

### **To the Policyholders:**

I have the honor for the sixth time to report to you, in my capacity as president and on behalf of the directors, the progress of the Company during a preceding year. The requirements of an annual report are exact. To be read it must not be too long nor be phrased in technical and legalistic language. It should, so far as possible, be a primer—understandable and giving adequate information as to how your Company has handled the mutual funds, how it has performed its various functions, and how it has fulfilled its trusteeship.

This being our purpose, the following report is submitted to you in the hope that the progress made in 1941 and the strength and security the statements reflect will be a source of satisfaction and confidence.

### **THE NATURE OF THE COMPANY**

Life insurance is conducted under two separate plans, the stock and the mutual. Under the stock plan the business is owned by the stockholders and conducted for profit, just the same as any other commercial business. Any profits arising from it can, at the option of the management, be used either in the payment of dividends to stockholders or dividends to policyholders. Under the mutual plan the companies are owned entirely by the policyholders. No one has any proprietary interest in them. Any profits arising from the conduct of the business belong to the policyholders. Mutual life insurance is, therefore, not a commercial industry. It is primarily and essentially a service institution. Its work is to safeguard and conserve the funds entrusted to it and administer them efficiently, economically, and safely, entirely in the interest of and for the benefit of the policyholders.

The policyholders of a mutual company make certain premium payments to the company to obtain protection. Such payments are scientifically calculated to defray the expenses of the company's operations and to establish a fund which, with accumulated interest derived from its investment, will insure the payment of all claims and benefits due to members under their policies. This, then is a co-operative organization of 315,019 members who, I believe, are vitally interested in its progress. Your attendance is welcome at our annual meetings. Every policyholder is entitled to vote. Every policy issued carries a notice of the date of the annual meeting.

## THE MANAGEMENT

To administer the affairs of the Company and to guide its operations, for the benefit of the policyholders, the ablest men available are elected as directors. The Boston Mutual's board of directors is composed of men of high character, standing, and broad experience, well qualified to direct and aid the management in handling the Company's business. The members of the board discharge their duties with a keen sense of responsibility. Their interest is shown by the regularity of their attendance at the meetings and their willingness at all times to consult with the Company's officers on its business whenever called upon. Actions based on decisions arrived at in board or committee meetings, while not requiring a unanimous vote, are rarely, if ever, taken without such a vote, and this applies particularly to the actions of the finance committee regarding investment of the Company's funds.

It is a pleasure to record the gratitude of the Company for the effective manner and unflinching courtesy with which the men and women at the home office discharged their individual responsibilities. Our staff, from top to bottom, did their jobs well and faithfully. To those heads of departments, who have been with the Company for so many years, the management is especially grateful.

## THE FIELD FORCE

The accomplishments of the agency force in 1941 were the best in our history. To have written \$23,742,171 of new insurance tells its own story. Only a small part of all this business was written by agents, who are described as "large producers." On the contrary, it represents the daily, persistent work of a host of men who, by their efforts, built well for the Company and enabled so many people to be mutually protected against the hazard of death and the misfortune of old age dependency. The personnel problem becomes more and more important. The draft and higher paying defense jobs took some good men from us and limits the field of men available to fill vacancies.

Located in most of the principal cities of New England, we have 33 district offices from which the Company's field representatives operate. Each district is in charge of a superintendent. His duties, aside from giving prompt service to the policyholders in his territory, are the recruiting and training of new agents and the supervision and assistance of his associates. Genuine thanks go to the superintendents for the great record they made last year.

Their ranks were broken twice during 1941 and the Company suffered real losses in manpower. In June came the tragic drowning of Reo Brodeur at Cape Cod. He had been with the Company seventeen and a half years and at the time of his untimely death was serving his eighth year as superintendent at Providence. Reo Brodeur was always faithful, always loyal. He was successful in every position he held from the day he first started out on a debit to his last day, when he closed his office, with all its affairs in proper order, to spend a week-end at Sandwich.

In the middle of December, Thomas A. Cahill, superintendent at Fall River, passed away after suffering from a heart ailment for several months. He first started with the Boston Mutual as an agent in 1907. He later worked five years for another company and returned to us in 1916.



He made rapid progress—was made head of the Taunton district in 1923 and the following year took charge at Fall River, where he served continuously until his death. Twenty-nine years of loyal service to the Boston Mutual—faithful in the performance of his duties. He had the respect of his fellow workers. His strength and his ability will be missed.

To fill the vacancies, Ambrose F. White, superintendent at Allston, was put in charge at Providence, and George D. Swig, an assistant at Dorchester, was promoted to a superintendency and assigned to the Allston district. Thomas J. McAndrew, superintendent at Taunton, was promoted to the Fall River district. In eight other of our districts, agents were promoted to be assistant superintendents.

### **A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT**

Another year of solid achievement in which the Boston Mutual continued to go forward in service to the insuring public is reflected in the figures for the fiscal year of 1941. Not only was the year one of substantial gain, but it was one in which progress in all ways was the best made during any twelve months' period, in the fifty years that the Company has been doing business. By a happy coincidence, we celebrated our Golden Anniversary in August, and it was then we reached one of our goals—that of one hundred millions of insurance in force. The net gain of insurance for the year was \$8,929,190, and on December 31st the insurance in force amounted to \$103,589,639.

It was a year in which the total admitted assets, the premium income, the excess of income over disbursements, and payments to policyholders and beneficiaries again attained new all time highs. We gained 23,063 policies, which now number 315,019.

Admitted assets increased during the past year 7%, making the total admitted assets on December 31st \$16,192,179. Liabilities at the end of the calendar year amounted to \$15,187,364, the greater part of which are the policy reserves of \$14,519,678; excess of income over disbursements was \$921,970.76; our surplus at the end of the year was \$950,380.20.

### **WHAT WE TOOK IN**

The total income of this Company from all sources last year was \$4,810,230. You may be interested to know what happened to all this money:

#### **WHAT WE PAID OUT**

- First:* \$1,778,553 was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries.
- Second:* \$1,155,319 was paid to the agency organization for writing new and conserving old business, including medical examiners' fees and inspection of risks of \$35,736.
- Third:* \$339,904 was paid for home office administration expenses, including the home office payroll of \$197,288 and investment expenses of \$44,500.
- Fourth:* \$120,847 was paid for taxes, including real estate, social security, state and miscellaneous.
- Fifth:* \$473,482 was charged for losses on sales and decrease by adjustment of ledger assets.

*Sixth:* \$20,154 was paid for miscellaneous disbursements.

Adding all these items makes a total of \$3,888,259. That left \$921,971 and of this \$730,688 was used to increase reserves, while the balance of \$191,283 was allocated to surplus.

On December 31st, this Company had in its offices and banks cash balances of over \$411,000.

#### **PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS**

A mutual life insurance company is organized for the purpose of making to its members and their beneficiaries the largest payments possible, consistent with safety, and in accordance with the terms of the respective policies. In 1941 the Boston Mutual paid to policyholders and their beneficiaries \$1,778,552.69, or for every business day nearly \$6,000.00. Included in the total payments made during the year were the dividends of \$220,430.46, which represented the participation of the Company's policyholders in interest earnings in excess of the basic assumptions in their contracts and in savings from a very favorable mortality experience.

Since organization the Company has paid to policyholders and beneficiaries \$35,108,682.43. The uses to which these payments were put cannot be exactly stated, but all can appreciate how much good the money did to stem emergencies, to maintain comforts, how much privation they prevented, the children whose education they helped to continue, businesses saved, and the peace of mind that over \$35,000,000 has brought to thousands of individuals who had the foresight to participate in the collective principles of mutual life insurance and for those for whom they afforded insurance protection.

#### **WAR RISK CLAUSE ON NEW POLICIES**

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners at their meeting in 1940 recommended the adoption by life insurance companies of a suitable war clause or rider. The directors of this Company adopted, in November, 1940, such a rider for ordinary policies for use if war should come. The sudden attack on Pearl Harbor came Sunday, December 7th. The next morning, the directors prescribed the use of the rider on all ordinary policies issued from then on. The increasing intensity of the war has hastened the trend, and most companies are now putting war riders on industrial writings. The directors at the meeting on January 21st, instructed the use of such riders on industrial policies issued from then on.

The principal purpose of imposing a war rider is to avoid subjecting present policyholders to the greater risks to be assumed on new business taken during the war period. None of the restrictions, naturally, is effective for policies issued previous to the imposition of the riders. Nor does the adoption of such clauses exclude those in the armed services from insurance coverage, as the Government issues low-cost life insurance to the men in the military and naval forces.

#### **THE WAR EFFORT AND TAXATION**

The Boston Mutual had to pay out in taxes last year \$120,847.52. Included in the cost of taxes was \$37,672.96 for State taxes on premiums, \$37,973.51 for taxes on real estate, \$11,200.34 imposed by the Federal Security Tax, and \$33,417.70 for the State Unemployment Insurance Tax.

For the past several years we have stressed the necessity of policyholders being on the alert if excessive tax levies are to be avoided. State taxes on premium income are good examples of "invisible taxes." While they are not paid directly by the policyholder, they, nevertheless, constitute a part of the costs entering into the premium he pays for his insurance. The prosecution of the all-out war will require expenditures far in excess of anything we have ever experienced. We must win the war, but we should use all proper efforts to see that the levy on life insurance dollars be not excessive as mutual life insurance companies are co-operative institutions owned by individuals who are providing their own security for old age and for their dependents in the event of early death.

### **TRIENNIAL EXAMINATION**

Every three years, your Company, in common with other insurance companies domiciled in Massachusetts, is subject to a complete examination by examiners of the Massachusetts Insurance Department. Such an examination is being made at the present time, the examiners having commenced their work on December 31st.

The examination includes a complete audit of the books of account and review of the transactions giving rise to the book entries, a physical count of cash and securities, a check of bank balances, a review of the papers in connection with mortgage and real estate transactions, and an examination into the valuation of all assets and liabilities. It also includes a detailed review of the Company's operating policies and practices to see that they comply with the State laws and the Company's charter. This careful supervision is a little known but highly important factor in the remarkable safety of the life insurance policies issued and the carrying out of the guarantees made in them. It is the very highest advantage to private management to have regular periodic examinations of our ways of doing business, accounting practices, and asset structure by the Massachusetts Insurance Department. They bring to bear painstaking care in checking the Company's operations and constitute a guaranty that the policyholders' investment is protected against every hazard.

In addition to the triennial examinations, the Company's Financial Statement is reviewed annually by the insurance departments of the states in which we do business, and the Company's calculation of reserves required to be held for its policies is verified by independent calculation by the Massachusetts Insurance Department, on the basis of which a certificate of correctness of the legal reserve is furnished annually to the Company.

### **INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

An audit of the Company's affairs by a firm of certified public accountants is also made half-way between the State triennial examinations in order to secure a further additional check upon the Company's condition. Such an independent audit will next be made in the middle of 1943 to serve as a further examination of financial bookkeeping and management.

### **SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Investments:**

The management of a life insurance company has a primary responsibility to its policyholders to invest the funds of the company and to conduct its affairs so that the company will be able promptly to meet all its contractual



obligations to policyholders and beneficiaries when they fall due. Although the past year was one of many achievements, the long drought in interest earnings continued.

Interest rates continued to decline during the year, reaching new all time low levels. Following our entrance into war, a slight strengthening took place, but there is as yet no assurance that interest rates will not remain on a very low basis.

Under prevailing and prospective economic conditions, it is the prime concern of those acting as trustees over savings which people have made to provide protection to give the greatest weight to safety of principal, with emphasis upon income a secondary though important consideration. In accordance with these principles this Company has concentrated its investment of money within recent years to a steadily increasing degree of United States Government securities, with the result that at the end of 1941 such obligations owned amounted to \$8,710,702 in book value, being equal to over 72% of all securities owned, and representing about 54% of the net admitted assets of the Company.

During the past year alone, United States Government securities owned increased by \$2,348,149, or 36.9%, including an investment of \$50,000 in Series G Defense Savings Bonds, the maximum amount of this type of security which can be subscribed to in any one calendar year. As a result of maturities, redemptions and sales, and the inability to satisfactorily replace those assets with desirable holdings of a similar nature, decreases aggregating \$1,110,281 took place in all other classes of securities. The book value of our securities portfolio now amounts to \$12,053,524, an increase of \$1,390,832 during the year, or over 12%.

Consistent with the Company's emphasis on quality in its investment portfolio, all securities held were subjected to continuous supervision. Numerous sales and exchanges were made to improve quality or, when possible, income, with the result that at the close of the year the Company's investments were largely of a character which should withstand any conceivable contingencies. Only \$77,305, or about four-tenths of one per cent of net admitted assets remained invested in stocks, while Railroad and Public Utility bonds held declined by over 17% and 16% from the previous year.

An indication of the result of the continued downward trend of interest rates and the emphasis upon adding securities of only the highest quality, principally United States Government issues, is the average rate of return of but 1.96% after amortization at which new funds were invested in securities during the year. On the entire invested assets, 3.14% was earned in 1941.

Whatever may be said for any aspect of low interest rates, the fact remains that the savings bank depositor and the life insurance policyholder bear the brunt of the load. Savings earn less and life insurance costs more under such conditions, and the achievement of financial independence is made more difficult for the average citizen.

#### **Valuation of Securities:**

Our securities are valued in accordance with the rulings of the convention of Insurance Commissioners. Bonds with a definite date of maturity which are not in default and which are fully secured are carried at amortized

values, that is, the value is computed on the basis of yield rate and term to run. Such bonds are 97.5% of our total holdings. Other bonds (1.9% of the total) and the small amount of stocks held, are carried at market values as determined by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

### **Mortgage Loans and Real Estate:**

#### **Mortgages**

The problem of securing first rate mortgage investments continued to be a difficult one during the year 1941. The volume of satisfactory mortgages available for investment was small and the competition among lending institutions was keen. The Company continued its well settled policy of taking mortgages only when the physical security was ample and the borrower showed a high credit standing. Despite the difficulties involved in securing this type of investment, the Company took mortgages during the year in an aggregate amount of \$256,244. The Company's mortgage portfolio now consists of 356 first mortgage loans, representing a principal sum of \$1,477,006. With the exception of 42, these mortgages are entirely on residential properties located in Massachusetts, largely in the Metropolitan area. The Mortgage Loan Account showed a net increase during the year 1941 of \$89,022.

Forty-four mortgages, representing a principal sum of \$205,269, are insured by the Federal Housing Administration. At the close of the year the mortgage portfolio showed an excellent condition of account. Taxes are paid currently, principal payments are made regularly—in most cases on a monthly basis—and an inspection of the properties showed that the owners are maintaining them in good physical condition. For the entire twelve months of 1941 it was found necessary to take into the Real Estate Owned Account only one property.

#### **Real Estate**

In the very important problem of liquidating real estate which the Company has had to acquire in the past by foreclosure, the year 1941 showed the best experience which the Company has ever enjoyed. Sales of real estate owned totalled 51 in number and eliminated from the Real Estate Owned Account the sum of \$343,054. Further, in order that the Company's real estate owned should be carried on an entirely realistic basis, reductions in the figure at which such real estate is carried were effected in the sum of \$174,747. The total eliminated from the real estate owned figure by the two before-mentioned methods was \$517,801. The Company has remaining 88 foreclosed properties, representing a total book value of \$514,722. These properties are entirely residential properties, as the Company owns no industrial or commercial buildings. The properties are all rented and are maintained in good physical condition. The Company anticipates that further substantial progress will be made in liquidating real estate owned during the coming year.

### **Depreciation on Home Office Building:**

In order to take care of depreciation, and that the figure at which the home office building is shown on the Company's books shall reflect current real estate values, the board of directors voted to reduce by the sum of \$50,000, the amount at which the home office building is carried in the Company's assets.

**Policy Loans:**

As of December 31st, our policy loans totalled \$1,104,965. This is about \$74,000 less than a year ago.

**Cash Surrenders:**

Last year we paid out for cash surrender values \$521,113; this was \$112,500 less than was paid out during 1940.

**Liabilities and Surplus:**

Our liabilities stand at \$15,187,364, of which \$14,519,678 comprise the policyholders' reserve. The laws of Massachusetts and the other states in which the Company does business, provide for and require the accumulation of a reserve for the fulfillment of the policy guarantees. It is computed on an exact mathematical basis of approved mortality tables and compound interest rates prescribed by statute. This "reserve" is the legal guarantee fund, which, with future premiums, insures the payment of our contractual obligations.

Deducting our Company's total liabilities from the total assets leaves our surplus at \$950,380. This does not include the \$54,435 set up as a special real estate reserve.

**Mortality:**

Next I report on the death claims that were actually incurred and their relationship to the death claims that were expected. It is the task of the Company's actuary to determine the amount of death claims which should be expected or anticipated. In arriving at his conclusions, he considers such factors as the amount of insurance involved, the class of policy, how long the policy has been in force and the age when the person was insured. The Company's records, of course, show the exact amount of death claims paid. It is with great satisfaction that I announce to you that for 1941 the ratio of amount of death claims paid to the amount of death claims that were anticipated was the lowest in the entire history of the Company. This record low ratio applied both to the ordinary and industrial departments, it being 40% of the expected in the former, and 51% of the expected in the latter. The best previous year was in 1940. During the past year the general health in the United States was better than it has been for several years, and there were no epidemics of a serious nature. This naturally resulted in the favorable death rate, but credit for the definite improvement in mortality must also be given to more rigid underwriting practices. The results indicate a more careful initial selection of risks by the agency force and care exercised in selection at the home office.

Diseases of the heart and arteries are the leading causes of death, probably due, in part, to the fact that the average length of life has been increased giving these diseases a greater opportunity to cause death.

The accompanying table shows the number of deaths from various causes, and it will be noticed that organic heart and circulatory diseases account for 44%, or nearly half of the total number of deaths.



## **Dividends:**

What you pay for your life insurance depends chiefly upon two factors: How long you may expect to live, and how much an insurance company can expect to earn on its investments. In spite of the unkind state of the world, life expectancy has improved. But rates of interest have become steadily worse. Since 1933 the yield on long-term Treasury Bonds has fallen from an average of 3.31% to 1.84% in the case of tax-exempt issues, and 2.21% in the case of taxable bonds. The yield on Triple A Corporate Bonds has dropped from 4.49% to 2.72%.

Interest earnings from the investment portfolio of all life companies has decreased. The same is true, of course, with all institutions of deposit and with all trust and endowment funds, whether charitable, college, or otherwise, which are conservatively managed with due regard to the absolute safety of the principal sums invested.

In common with many of the mutual companies, the Boston Mutual has made some adjustments in its dividend schedule.

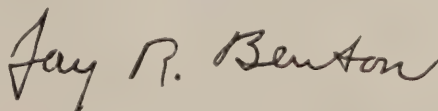
The directors, in November, voted to pay to policyholders as dividends in 1942, a sum in excess of \$194,000. The scale of dividends in 1942 was somewhat less than for the previous year, the reduction being due to the declining rate of interest obtainable on new investments and also to the increased cost of doing business under the present national emergency.

The Boston Mutual, unlike many other companies, did not reduce dividends during the depression years, and the step is taken now only because it is felt that world conditions dictate a more conservative dividend policy than would ordinarily be the case.

## **CONCLUSION**

This, then, is the record we made last year—a record that should be a source of great satisfaction to every policyholder. We now enter what may prove to be the most important year of the century. The war's impact on life insurance will affect practically all phases of its operations. Unquestionably, the problems for us will multiply many times, yet you may feel confident that the Company will continue to make every effort in the future, as in the past, to serve you intelligently and with fidelity, ever keeping in mind that until the war is won the requirements of the nation take precedence over all other considerations. For all—ahead are problems and sacrifices. It is for us all—policyholders, field, and office personnel—to accept the challenge of the hour. To do our full part in preserving and passing along to our children and to their children a nation secure in its dedication to the principles of freedom upon which it was founded. Our free system must be defended to the death. For once our liberty has been lost, all is lost.

Presented on behalf of the Board Directors,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay R. Benton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "President".

*President*

# THE FINANCIAL RECORD

## FOR THE YEAR END

### WHAT WE HAVE

Government, State, Political Sub-divisions and Corporation		
Bonds (book value) . . . . .	\$11,976,218.66	
Public Utility and Other Stocks (book value) . . . . .	77,305.00	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate:		
First Liens . . . . .	\$1,477,006.38	
Other than first liens . . . . .	2,181.88	1,479,188.26
Loans to policyholders secured by policy reserves . . . . .		1,105,481.57
Real Estate owned by Company including Home Office building . . . . .		849,280.87
Cash in Office and deposited in Banks . . . . .		411,164.01
Certificates received under Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act . . . . .		193.73
Trust Funds . . . . .		8,700.10
Interest and rents due and accrued and due and deferred premiums secured by policy reserves . . . . .	494,946.25	
	<u>\$16,402,478.45</u>	
Less:		
Mortgage loan funds held in escrow, suspense accounts and trust funds . . . . .		19,281.30
		<u>\$16,383,197.15</u>
Less assets not admitted . . . . .		191,017.28
Total . . . . .		<u>\$16,192,179.87</u>

### WHAT WE OWE

Policy reserves (Massachusetts Standard), being amount required to meet all policy obligations December 31, 1941 . . . . .		\$14,413,039.00
Additional reserves for accidental death, disability benefits and supplementary contracts . . . . .		106,963.16
Matured endowments and policy claims in process of settlement . . . . .		90,173.27
Estimated Federal, State and Real Estate taxes . . . . .		56,093.42
Special reserve on Mortgage Loans . . . . .		282.50
Dividends due policyholders and dividends left with Company to accumulate at interest . . . . .		207,584.54
Premiums paid in advance . . . . .		90,936.59
Miscellaneous liabilities . . . . .		27,006.56
Dividends declared or apportioned on annual and deferred dividend policies for 1942 . . . . .		195,285.16
		<u>\$15,187,364.20</u>
Contingent Reserve on Real Estate . . . . .	\$ 54,435.47	
Unassigned surplus funds . . . . .	950,380.20	1,004,815.67
Total . . . . .		<u>\$16,192,179.87</u>

# BOARD OF THE COMPANY

ED DECEMBER 31, 1941

## WHAT WE TOOK IN

Total Premium Income . . . . .	\$4,047,260.28
Total Interest, Dividends and Rents received . . . . .	579,499.05
Dividends left with Company to accumulate at interest . . . . .	29,062.35
Gross profits on sale or maturity of ledger assets . . . . .	154,409.05
Total Income . . . . .	<u>\$4,810,230.73</u>

## WHAT WE PAID OUT

Death Claims, disability and double indemnity benefits and matured endowments . . . . .	\$1,037,008.37
Cash surrender values, including premium notes voided by lapse . . . . .	521,113.86
Dividends paid in cash and applied to pay renewal premiums and to purchase paid-up additions, and left with the Company to accumulate at interest . . . . .	220,430.46
Total amount paid to policyholders . . . . .	<u>\$1,778,552.69</u>
Paid for claims not involving life contingencies, and dividends held on deposit and surrendered during year . . . . .	19,168.05
Agency expenses including salaries and medical examiners' fees and inspection of risks . . . . .	1,155,916.50
Salaries of officers, home office employees and legal expenses . . . . .	197,288.63
Expense on real estate and mortgage loans . . . . .	40,767.33
Home office rents, advertising, furniture, printing, fixtures, stationery, supplies, and sundry small items . . . . .	102,236.78
Taxes on real estate, social security, state and miscellaneous taxes and fees . . . . .	120,847.52
Gross loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets . . . . .	<u>298,734.73</u>
Gross decrease, by adjustment, in book value of ledger assets . . . . .	<u>174,747.74</u>
Total Disbursements . . . . .	\$3,888,259.97
Excess of Income over Disbursements . . . . .	<u>921,970.76</u>
	<u>\$4,810,230.73</u>



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# **CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1941** **Ordinary and Industrial**

AGES	1 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	Total	%
Heart	11	20	29	45	87	166	134	132	624	26
Arteriosclerosis	1		3	8	34	56	97	114	313	15
Pneumonia	61	9	3	10	20	68	66	52	289	14
Cancer	3	3	12	13	43	84	75	25	258	12
Tuberculosis	11	9	33	47	30	42	11	7	190	09
Accidental	32	4	18	16	24	20	7	4	125	06
Acute Infections	29	4	17	8	20	23	15	7	123	06
Unclassified	14	4	6	2	6	17	2	8	59	03
Kidney	2	1	2	5	3	15	8	5	41	02
Diabetes		2	1		3	10	9	5	30	02
Gastro Intestinal	6		3		9	9	3		30	02
Cen. Nerv. System	4	3	3	3	1	3			17	01
Suicide		2		4	2	2	5		15	01
Alcoholism				1	3	3	2		9	01
									2123	100%

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## SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES

Owned by the Company December 31, 1941

	Rate	Maturity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT				
United States of America, Savings Bond Defense Series "G" .....	2½	1953	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000.00
United States of America, Treas. Bond .....	2½	1948	150,000	160,967.17
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1948 .....	2	1950	600,000	603,689.31
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1948 .....	2¾	1951	300,000	328,040.79
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1950 .....	2½	1952	150,000	160,050.14
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1949 .....	2½	1953	700,000	725,423.95
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1951 .....	2¼	1953	300,000	315,906.05
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1952 .....	2½	1954	600,000	617,271.76
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1951 .....	2¾	1954	650,000	683,184.35
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1951 .....	2	1955	210,000	210,175.89
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1951 .....	3	1955	300,000	317,543.73
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1956 .....	2½	1958	400,000	411,476.21
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1956 .....	2¾	1959	600,000	637,100.52
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1955 .....	2¾	1960	1,250,000	1,361,055.78
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1958 .....	2¾	1963	600,000	635,326.97
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1960 .....	2¾	1965	225,000	248,574.57
United States of America, Treas. Bond, Op. 1967 .....	2½	1972	575,000	583,839.49
United States of America, Treas. Note, Series "A" .....	1½	1943	55,000	55,000.00
United States of America, Treas. Note, Series "B" .....	1½	1943	45,000	45,000.00
United States of America, Treas. Note, Series "A" .....	1¾	1942	85,000	85,000.00
Total .....			\$7,845,000	\$8,234,626.68
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED				
Commodity Credit Corporation, Note Series "G" .....	1½	1945	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,866.04
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (F.H.A.) Series "A" .....	3	1955	4,400	4,713.28
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (F.H.A.) Series "A" .....	3	1958	19,400	21,087.19
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (F.H.A.) Series "A" .....	3	1959	32,400	35,197.30
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (F.H.A.) Series "A" .....	3	1960	43,350	47,237.59
Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Note Series "V" .....	1½	1943	150,000	151,226.71
Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Note Series "W" .....	1	1944	35,000	35,000.00
Total .....			\$ 434,550	\$ 445,328.11
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT				
Dominion of Canada, Government of the .....	5	1952	\$ 150,000	\$ 152,082.30

## SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES

	Rate	Maturity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
STATES, TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS				
Louisiana, State of. . . . .	4½	1949	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,073.73
Louisiana, State of. . . . .	4½	1954	15,000	15,126.20
Louisiana, State of. . . . .	5	1961	5,000	5,150.21
New Brunswick, Province of (Dominion of Canada)	4	1947	50,000	50,413.12
Novia Scotia, Province of. . . . .	4½	1952	50,000	53,305.57
Ontario, Province of. . . . .	4	1949	25,000	25,609.32
Ontario, Province of. . . . .	4½	1952	25,000	27,977.42
Total. . . . .			\$ 180,000	\$ 187,655.57

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF STATES, TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS				
Eastport, Maine. . . . .	4	1937	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,500.00
Los Angeles, California. . . . .	4½	1950	15,000	15,867.37
Los Angeles, California. . . . .	4½	1952	10,000	10,645.18
Montreal, City of. . . . .	4½	1946	50,000	50,539.68
Newark, N. J. . . . .	4½	1950	5,000	5,364.10
Newark, N. J. . . . .	4½	1954	20,000	21,764.15
New York, City of. . . . .	4	1946	25,000	25,777.84
New York, City of. . . . .	3	1980	19,000	18,315.51
St. Petersburg, Florida. . . . .	3-5	1972	10,000	9,800.00
San Francisco, California, City and County of . . .	4	1946	25,000	25,902.91
San Francisco, California, City and County of . . .	4½	1948	5,000	4,917.00
Total. . . . .			\$ 191,000	\$ 192,393.74

RAILROADS				
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. (Equip. Trust, Series "C") . . . . .	2½	1944	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,481.47
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. (Equip. Trust Series "C") . . . . .	2½	1945	10,000	10,221.08
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. (Equip. Trust, Series "C") . . . . .	2½	1946	25,000	25,456.94
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. (Conv.—'05) . .	4	1955	34,000	35,716.81
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. (Conv.—'09) . .	4	1955	16,000	16,808.33
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. (Gen. Mtge.) . .	4	1995	50,000	54,239.40
Atlantic Coast Line R. R. (1st Consolidated Mtge.)	4	1952	25,000	23,442.63
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. (Pittsburgh, Lake Erie & West Virginia System, Ref. Mtge.) (Stamped)	4	1951	10,000	5,100.00
Baltimore & Ohio R. R. (First Mtge.) . . . . .	4	1948	30,000	31,308.75
Bangor & Aroostook R. R. (Consol. Ref. Mtge.) .	4	1951	30,000	15,000.00
Boston & Albany R. R. (First Mtge., Series "A")	4½	1943	40,000	39,774.88
Boston & Maine R. R. (Mtge. Series "V") . . . .	5	1942	11,000	11,014.95
Boston & Maine R. R. (Mtge. Series "W") . . . .	5	1942	3,000	3,001.23
Boston & Maine R. R. (Gen. Obligation) (Reg.) .	4	1942	5,000	4,974.06
Boston & Maine R. R. (Gen. Obligation) (Coupon)	4	1942	8,000	7,980.01
Boston & Maine R. R. (First Mtge. "R.R.") . . . .	4	1960	7,200	5,411.03
Boston & Maine R. R. (Income Mtge. Series "A") .	4½	1970	37,000	13,690.00
Canadian National Railway Co. (Guaranteed) . .	5	1969	100,000	113,905.46
Central Pacific Ry. (First & Ref.) . . . . .	4	1949	15,000	14,989.47



## Owned by the Company December 31, 1941

	Rate	Matu- rity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
RAILROADS (CONT.)				
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. (Ill. Div. 1st Mtge.)	4	1949	10,000	10,264.32
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. (Gen. Mtge.)	4	1958	20,000	21,638.95
Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Ry. (1st & Gen. Mtge. Series "A")	5	1966	15,000	1,050.00
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry. (Secured Series "A")	4½	1952	10,000	1,300.00
Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R. R. (First Mtge.)	4	1943	25,000	25,013.98
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line R. R. (First Mtge.)	4	1953	20,000	19,649.29
Erie Railroad Equipment Trust	4½	1943	25,000	25,446.47
Grand Trunk Western Railroad (Equipment Trust)	5	1942	50,000	50,860.81
Great Northern Ry. (Gen. Mtge. Conv., Series "H")	4	1946	25,000	25,060.43
Great Northern Ry. (Gen. Mtge., Series "E")	4½	1977	35,000	36,729.25
Illinois Central R. R. (Cairo Bridge) (Registered)	4	1950	25,000	25,073.73
Indiana, Illinois & Iowa R. R. (First Mtge.)	4	1950	25,000	25,597.86
Kansas City Terminal Ry. (First Mtge.)	4	1960	70,000	74,923.83
Lehigh & New England R. R. (Gen. Mtge., Series "A")	4	1965	15,000	15,000.00
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry. (1st Mtge. Series "A")	4	1978	20,000	18,238.97
New England R. R. (Consolidated)	4	1945	20,000	12,800.00
New York Central & Hudson River R. R. (1912 Deb.)	4	1942	25,000	25,000.00
New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. (Conv. Deb.)	6	1948	50,000	16,500.00
New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. (Harlem River & Port Chester, 1st Mtge.)	4	1954	20,000	17,000.00
New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. (Stock Trust Ctf.)	4	1948	25,000	25,142.05
Norwich & Worcester R. R. (1st Mtge., Series "A")	4½	1947	25,000	25,113.40
Pennsylvania Company (Secured)	4	1963	25,000	25,000.00
Pennsylvania R. R. (Equipment Trust, Series "J")	2¾	1946	20,000	20,483.47
Pennsylvania R. R. (Secured)	4	1946	25,000	25,697.22
Pennsylvania R. R. (Secured Serial)	4	1947	25,000	25,799.88
Pennsylvania R. R. (Gen. Mtge., Series "C")	3¾	1970	50,000	49,227.32
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. (Cons. Mtge., Series "A") (Ctfs. of Deposit)	4½	1978	10,000	1,300.00
Southern Pacific Company (Secured)	3¾	1946	71,000	52,937.24
Texas & Pacific Ry. (Gen. & Ref., Series "D")	5	1980	20,000	19,662.64
Virginian Ry. (1st Lien & Ref. Mtge., Series "A")	3¾	1966	44,000	44,879.15
Total			\$1,323,200	\$1,216,906.76

### PUBLIC UTILITIES

Alabama Power Co. (1st Mtge. Lien & Ref.)	5	1951	\$ 27,000	\$ 26,759.98
American Telephone & Telegraph (Conv. Deb.)	3	1956	100,000	109,919.16
Appalachian Electric Power (1st Mtge.)	3¼	1970	50,000	53,379.42
Bell Telephone Co. of Canada (1st Mtge., Series "B")	5	1957	20,000	20,597.82

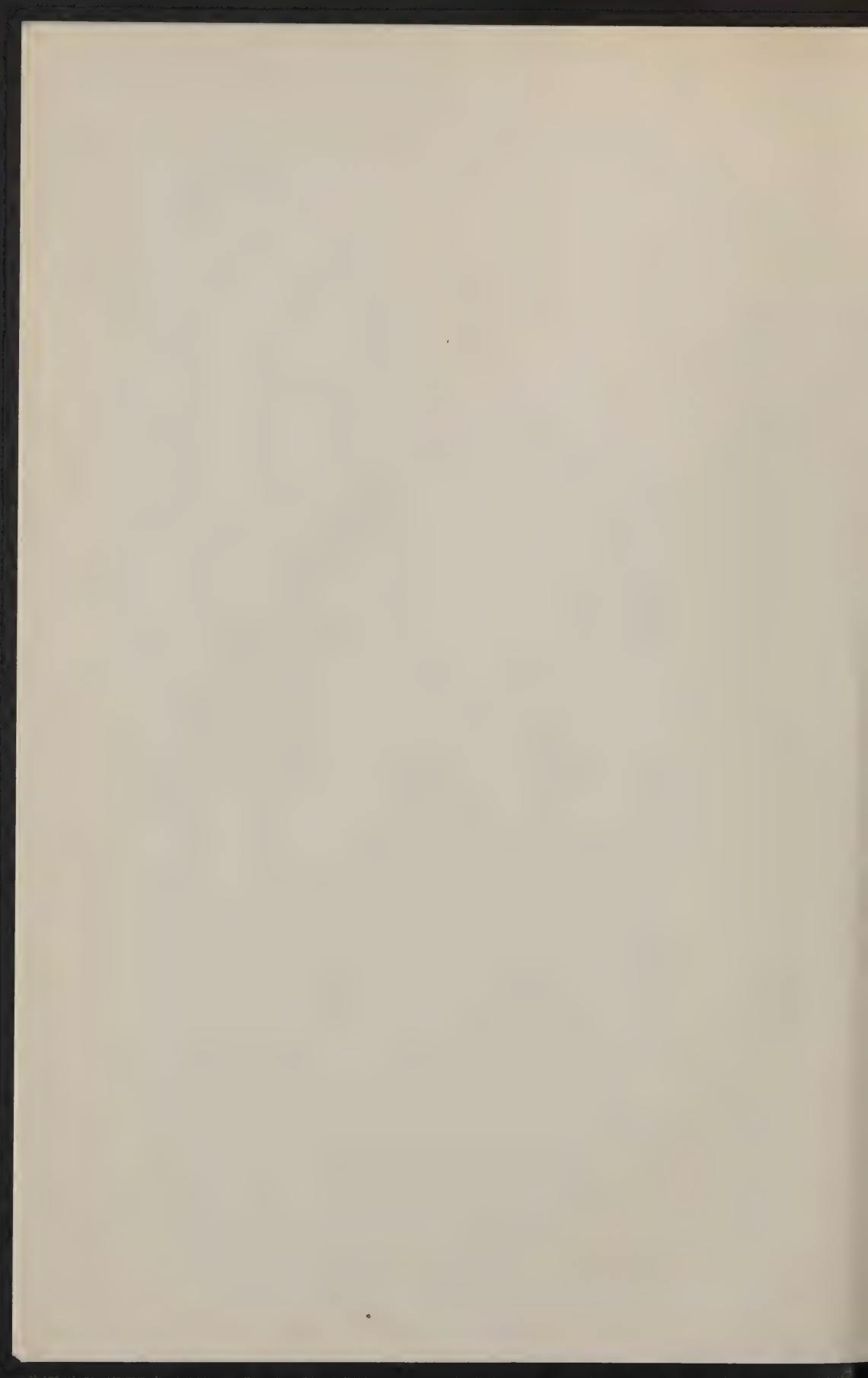
## SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES

	Rate	Maturity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
PUBLIC UTILITIES (CONT.)				
Central Illinois Light (1st & Consol. Mtge.) . . . .	3½	1966	9,000	9,370.24
Central New York Power Corp. (Gen. Mtge.) . . .	3¾	1962	10,000	9,822.62
Cities Service Company (Conv. Deb.) . . . . .	5	1950	20,000	17,800.00
Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. (Deb.) . . . . .	5	1961	15,000	14,729.01
Commonwealth Edison (1st Mtge., Series "I") . . .	3½	1968	50,000	53,000.00
Community Power & Light Co. (1st Mtge. Collat.)	5	1957	9,000	8,611.90
Connecticut Light & Power (Deb.) . . . . .	3½	1956	10,000	10,331.33
Connecticut River Power (1st Mtge. Sinking Fund, Series "A") . . . . .	3¾	1961	50,000	52,462.15
Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y., Inc. (Deb.) . .	3½	1956	10,000	10,250.00
Continental Gas & Electric (Deb.) . . . . .	5	1958	20,000	19,075.74
Dallas Power & Light Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	3½	1967	10,000	10,594.85
Duquesne Light Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	3½	1965	50,000	54,632.18
Eastern Mass. Street Ry. (Ref. Mtge., Series "A")	4½	1948	100,000	101,472.36
Idaho Power Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	3¾	1967	10,000	9,836.12
Illinois Power & Light Corp. (1st & Ref. Mtge., Series "C") . . . . .	5	1956	20,000	19,945.20
Inter State Power Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	5	1957	8,000	6,160.00
Iowa Public Service Co. (Deb.) . . . . .	5	1968	5,000	4,777.21
Kansas City Gas Co. (1st Mtge., Series "A") . . .	6	1942	5,000	4,997.61
Kansas City Gas Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	5	1946	8,000	7,599.55
Kansas Electric Power Co. (1st Mtge., Series "A")	3½	1966	10,000	10,000.00
Long Island Lighting Co. (Secured) . . . . .	6	1945	24,000	24,142.02
Minneapolis Gas Light Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	4	1950	25,000	25,000.00
Minnesota Power & Light (1st & Ref. Mtge.) . .	4½	1978	20,000	17,456.14
Mississippi River Power Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . .	5	1951	29,500	30,975.00
Missouri Power & Light Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . .	3¾	1966	35,000	35,147.59
Monongahela West Penn. Public Service (1st & Gen. Mtge.) . . . . .	4½	1960	50,000	51,875.00
Muncie Water Works Co. (1st Mtge., Series "A")	5	1965	10,000	10,179.19
Narragansett Electric Co. (1st Mtge., Series "A")	3½	1966	10,000	10,243.53
Nebraska Power Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	4½	1981	7,000	7,350.00
Niagara Falls Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.) . . .	3½	1966	10,000	10,537.50
North Boston Lighting Properties (Sec. Note) . .	3½	1947	50,000	50,000.00
Northern States Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.) . .	3½	1967	35,000	34,991.59
Ohio Edison Co. (1st & Cons. Mtge.) . . . . .	4	1965	30,000	30,137.30
Pennsylvania Central Light & Power Co. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	4½	1977	5,000	4,775.59
Pennsylvania Electric Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge., Series "H") . . . . .	5	1962	25,000	26,250.00
Philadelphia Electric Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.) . .	3½	1967	35,000	37,336.93
Portland General Electric Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.) (Stamped) . . . . .	4½	1960	10,000	8,700.00
Potomac Edison Co. (1st Mtge., Series "E") . . .	5	1956	30,000	29,340.12
Potomac Edison Co. (1st Mtge., Series "F") . . .	4½	1961	10,000	9,661.99
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire (1st Mtge., Series "D") . . . . .	3¾	1960	10,000	10,400.00
Rochester Transit Corp. (Secured Inc., Note, Series "A") . . . . .	4½	1958	700	518.00

## Owned by the Company December 31, 1941

	Rate	Matu- rity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
PUBLIC UTILITIES (CONT.)				
Savannah Electric Co. (1st Consol. Mtge.) . . . . .	5	1952	15,000	16,206.39
Savannah Electric & Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge., Series "D") . . . . .	4	1947	10,000	9,188.70
Savannah Electric & Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge., Series "F") . . . . .	5	1955	10,000	10,000.00
Shawinigan Water & Power (1st Mtge. & Collat. Trust Sink. Fund, Series "A") . . . . .	4½	1967	15,000	14,409.69
Southern Natural Gas Co. (1st Mtge. Pipe Line Sink. Fund) . . . . .	3¼	1956	25,000	25,718.75
Tampa Gas Co. (1st Mtge. Sinking Fund) . . . . .	5½	1956	10,000	9,847.23
Texas Power & Light Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.) . . . . .	5	1956	24,000	23,534.97
Westchester Lighting Co. (Gen. Mtge.) . . . . .	3½	1967	10,000	10,050.00
Western Union Telegraph Co. (Deb.) . . . . .	5	1960	15,000	12,750.00
Wisconsin Public Service Corp. (1st Mtge.) . . . . .	3¼	1971	50,000	52,933.76
Total . . . . .			\$1,271,200	\$1,295,781.43
INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS				
Eastern Gas & Fuel Assoc. (1st Mtge. & Collat. Trust, Series "A") . . . . .	4	1956	\$ 50,000	\$ 47,962.49
United Drug Co. (Deb.) . . . . .	5	1953	50,000	51,261.47
Total . . . . .			\$ 100,000	\$ 99,223.96
GRAND TOTAL (Bonds) . . . . .			11,494,950	11,823,998.55
STOCKS				
100 Shares, Boston Elevated Ry. Co., Common . . . . .			\$100.00	\$ 4,500.00
250 Shares, Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates, 6% Cum. Pref. . . . .			100.00	8,500.00
200 Shares, Electric Bond & Share Co., \$6.00 Cum. Pref. . . . .				12,000.00
900 Shares, First National Bank of Boston, Common . . . . .			12.50	36,000.00
22 Shares, Worcester County Trust Co., Class "A" Pref. Non-Assessable . . . . .			2.50	110.00
GRAND TOTAL (Stocks) . . . . .				\$61,110.00



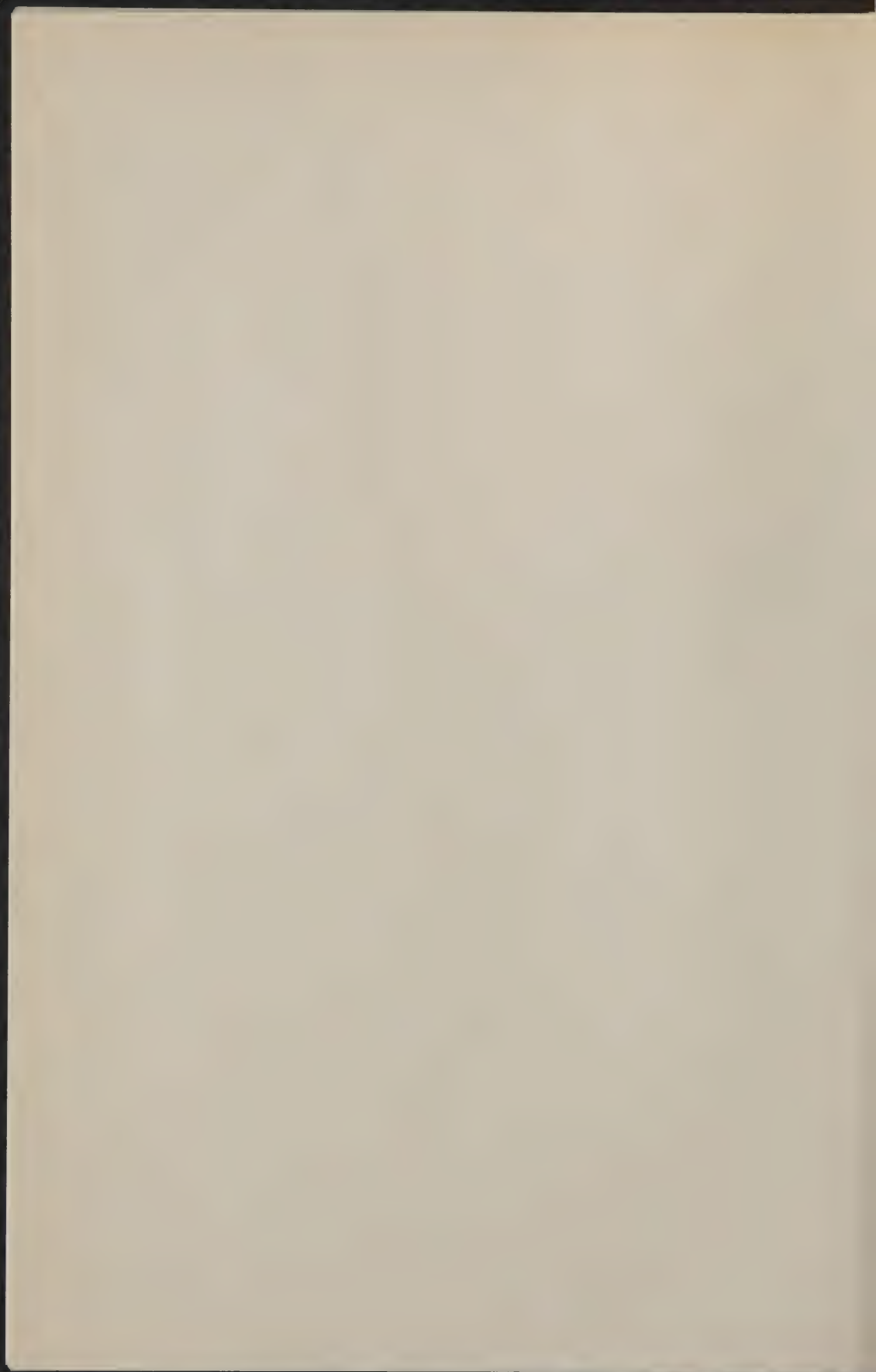


















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*Boston*

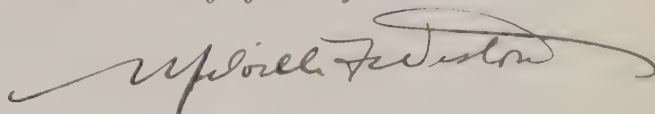
March 28, 1942.

Jay R. Benton, Esq.  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

You have probably seen the enclosed cartoon by Dahl, in which the typical Vermonter is taken for a sleigh ride. Might it not be appropriate for the Vermont Association of Boston to resolve with all due formality to present Mr. Dahl with one-quarter pound of pure Vermont maple sugar (see part 5 of the cartoon)? I suggest one-quarter pound because I feel that any larger amount might be thought to derogate from the Vermont tradition of thrift.

Sincerely yours,



MFW  
Enc.





AP'S A-RUNNIN'. VERMONTERS ENJOY MAPLE SUGAR BOOM DUE TO ANE SUGAR SHORTAGE. (NEWS ITEM)



VERMONT NEVER MISSES.

THRIFTY VERMONTERS ARE TAPPING EVERY BIT OF MAPLE IN SIGHT.



SOME OF THEM ARE HANGING BUCKETS ON THE FURNITURE

AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SUGAR MAPLES AND ROCK MAPLES —



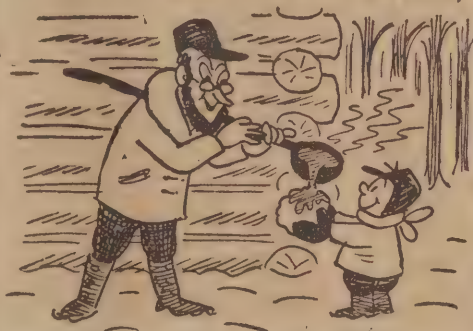
BUT MOST VERMONTERS CAN SQUEEZE SUGAR OUT OF A ROCK.

SOMETIMES THEY TAP PINE AND MAPLE TREES —



AND GET COUGH SYRUP.

THIS IS THE SEASON WHEN BOSTON NEWSMEN WRITE COILY ABOUT GIFTS OF MAPLE SUGAR — AND DON'T GET ANY



SUGAR RATIONING BEING AN OLD TIME CUSTOM IN VERMONT.

SUGAR SHORTAGE? THERE STANDS VERMONT —



— WITH AN INDUSTRY THAT DOESN'T DEPEND ON AUTOMOBILE TIRES.

— DAHL



Saturday, March 28th 1942

Breakfast - was filet of sole - Frances stayed abed - so I to town all the way on the cars + talking with "Rut" Powers + off at Park Street. To Bromfield St - Harris shop - for Box of Flair bulbs + 130 film - Demerson's for spring seals - Office - Working all morning on Probate account. Left at 12. 15. to the Phonograph shop on Milk St to buy my classical record of the week. this time - "Moto Perpetuo" by Paganini - other side - "Procession of the Sander" from Caucasian Sketches - by T. P. Polittov - Ivanov - by By Chicago Symphony Orchestra - Frederick Stock - Conductor + Subway to Harvard Square. Lunch at St. Clair's + Chicken Hash. Buttered Carrots. Beans + Rolls. Butter - Milk. Grape Fruit. To the University - to see a really good motion picture. Monte Woolley in "The Man Who Came to Dinner". Out + cars to Belmont. Home. John Back from Camp Edwards + House full. Fun. The Jameson Seniors came over. Oysters on the half shell. Dinner + Chicken Soup. Old fashioned Vermont Chicken Pie - Mashed Pie, Helled corn with Peppers + Pop Overs + Milk. Prune Compote. Orange slices + to bed early. House full of Boys. With Nicholas "Sonny" Powers. Charlie Cameron, Billy O'Shea. With David - Robt. H. Montgomery + 2.

Edith Baker made short call this afternoon +



Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 1942 X

This a bright sunny day with not a cloud in a blue sky - But there was a chill in the air. Palm Sunday + Down early for the Sunday papers + Breakfast in Bed. Orange juice - Corn flakes - Baked Beans + Sausages - Pop. overs - Iced Coffee + Up at 9.30 Hung a couple of pictures in the Annex Hall. Sorted out magazines to go in to Red Cross. Sat out on the West lawn. Lots of sun - but cool - took Pictures. Iced Coffee + Louise came up. Dinner at 2.30. Toldied Soup. Roast Beef. Roast Potato. Gravy. Onions. au gratin. Salad. Milk - Custard - orange slices. As John's Birthday is on Thursday we celebrated today. Table Decorations - Bon Bon + A Birthday Cake - Candles - 28 of them! A game contest drawn by Nicholas - Up stairs + Rested all after noon. At 6 Anne Charles + Betty Richardson - the John's Room mate 4 years at College + John + Bob Weinger left at 8.15. for the South Station - on their way back to Camp Edwards +











JOHN -  
SUNDAY, MAR. 29 '42





JAY

MAR. 29, '42





BIRTHDAY PRESENTS  
ON THE TABLE  
FOR JOHN.

SUNDAY,  
MAR. 29. '42



Nicholas

KATHLEEN

John's BIRTHDAY CAKE.



FRANCES

DAVID

John



John

LOUISE

HORS D'ŒUVRES





FRANCES  
CARVES  
The  
Roast Beef.



DAVID

John



PETER

DAVID

SUNDAY, MAR. 29, '42





John Bill WEISIGER



John FRANCES JAY



March  
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JOHN

FRANCES

SUNDAY - MAR. 29, '42



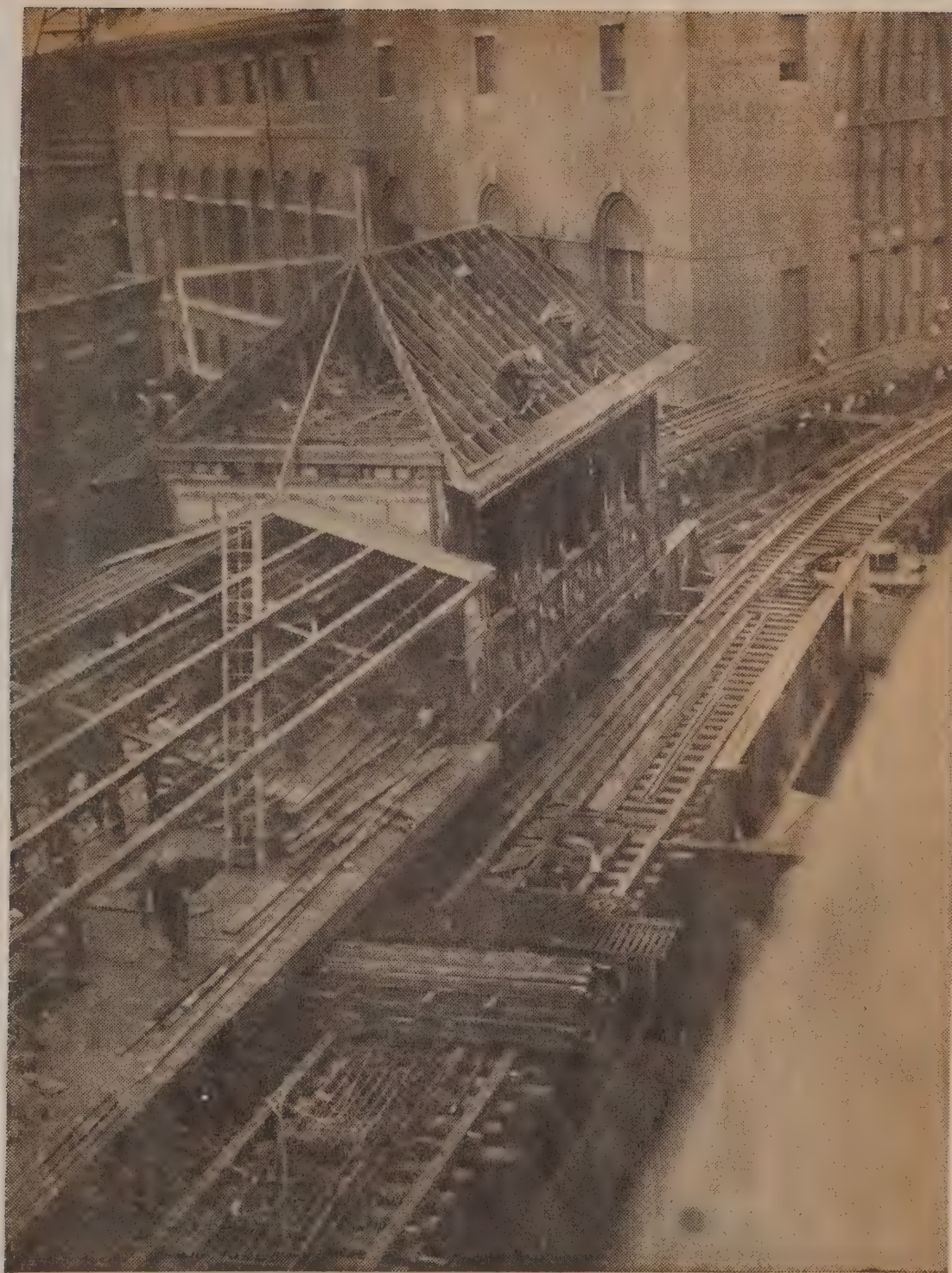


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BATTERY STATION DISAPPEARING

*March 29<sup>th</sup> 1942*

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# Atlantic-Av. Elevated





SPARKS RAIN DOWN AS TORCH BURNS STEEL



## Spring Storm in Bay State;

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1942

The annual Boston Mutual advertising started today - appearing first in The Boston Herald - Frances did not go in town first off - waiting for later to leave for Washington N.H. So I all the way to town in the car. put at Park Street & and left 3 films to be developed at Harris' on Bromfield St. Easter cards & a birthday card for John at a card shop on the same street - to Woolworth's for 2 memo pads - office - Accumulation of mail - and more work on Probate accounts + Nicholas came in for money to buy rubber sole shoes at Kennedy's + Back with his old shoes to be repaired + Out to lunch at 12.30. When I looked out the window at 6.30 this morning - there was the unexpected fall of snow. At noon - drizzling and a very punk day + to Corsetti's and left Nicholas old shoes - Up Tremont St. to Stenben's Restaurant near the Colonial Theatre + Western Omelette with sliced ham & mushrooms + Peas, Potatoes - Butter, Milk - Grape fruit. On way back - errands + Hyler's for jelly doughnuts for John + to Jiggett's - to Melvin Badger - to another Jiggett's - but no Squibbs Medicine + no flower stand -



A Spring storm of wet snow, rain and slush, arriving this morning in Massachusetts almost too late to be seasonable, produced some of the worst walking and driving conditions of the year. The worst accident reported this forenoon was the

crash of a big passenger bus on the Worcester turnpike, which sent 11 persons to the hospital.

The snow, extremely heavy and wet, began to fall in the early hours of the morning. By 7:30 a. m. the precipitation was .27 inch, and G. Harold Noyes, local Weather Bureau head, thought there might be an inch altogether.

a dozen anguils for the office - to United Stand - cigar for John - to fruit stand for orange for John - to Woolworth's for 10 Easter Cards to send to friends + to Jordan's - Looking for special photo book - but no go. Office, at 3.30 the second home office air raid drill - went off in good shape - took but two minutes for everybody to get to the safety zones. At 3.45 came Edward Kane on legal work + left at 4. Inway - Harvard Square + To Billings + Storer - and there found Squibb's medicine - to the Harvard Coop. for Photo Book but no service + met Frances at Church St. So home - 3 glasses of iced coffee. Filled date slips on the Photo Books. Played classical records. Key books to Frances. Arrived "Cross Creek" and "Part Perfect" - Dinner - Chicken Soup. Roast Beef slices in gravy - Baked Macaroni with cheese. Beet greens. Cabbage slaw. French Bread - Butter - Quilt - Strawberries + to Red early + David out tonight. With Robert Hunt Quincy with a couple of Wellesley College girls + Peter went to the McNeill Farm with B. & M. pals for several days. For breakfast orange juice - Cream of wheat - fried egg. Baked Beans. Toast - Iced coffee +



Monday Morning, March 30, 1942

Corporal John H. Benton  
Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Mass.

Dear John:

It was a complete surprise, on jumping out of bed this morning, and looking out on to Pequossette Road, to find the world blanketed with snow. I wonder if you got the storm on the Cape.

There is no news of events happening since you left a little over twelve hours ago. Peter goes to Washington, N. H., today to spend four or five days at the McNeill farm with a group of his Browne & Nichols cronies. Nicholas will be in after eleven to get some mazuma to buy new shoes for the spring term at Exeter. David is taking a long snooze -- he is on vacation too. I thought your birthday party dinner went off well yesterday and I guess you enjoyed it. You can be looking for my birthday present on

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your birthday, which falls this year on April 2nd.

If winter comes, can spring be far behind? Seems if.

With Love,

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He seems to enjoy staying  
with us. I suppose that  
you would like some  
prints of the pictures  
he took. I'll tell him  
to mail them to you.

No news just now.  
Just wanted to say thanks.  
My love to everyone.

— John —



Dear Mother and Dad; Mar. 30, 1942

First, please forgive  
the scrap paper I'm using. It's all  
that I can find at the moment.  
Thank you for the  
wonderful weekend and the  
birthday party. It was all  
grand.

Today is dark, cold,  
and raining here. As usual  
it will be hard to get back  
into the swing of things but  
along about Wednesday will  
be back to normal again.  
If those pictures come out  
well, Dad, will you please  
send me some copies?

Bill has asked me to  
send his thanks to you for  
a very enjoyable weekend.



## “THE BOSTON MUTUAL DOES ITS PART” ★ ★

**O**UR COUNTRY is engaged in the most devastating and far-reaching war in history. All business institutions will be judged by what they do to help in this world struggle to preserve human freedom. The **Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company**, like other life companies, is dedicating itself to help in every way possible in the prosecution of this war.

Over 72% of all the securities owned by the **Boston Mutual** is in United States Government Bonds, including an investment in Defense Savings Bonds to the maximum amount which we can subscribe to in any one year. Your Life Insurance dollars, invested in Government Bonds, are helping to buy planes, tanks, ships, guns, and all the other implements of war. Your Life Insurance dollars are doing their part to win the victory.

Many **Boston Mutual** men from the Home Office and the Field are now in the armed forces of Uncle Sam. More will don the uniforms in the near future. Most of our Directors, and the Home Office and Field Personnel are active in the various fields of Home Defense and Red Cross; several are on the Selective Service Boards. All are doing their part in purchasing and helping the sale of United States Defense Bonds.

**1941 Was a Good Year:** Insurance in force increased to over one hundred and three millions, policyholders increased to over 315,000. We paid policyholders and beneficiaries \$1,778,553—since organization \$35,108,682. Income last year exceeded disbursements by \$921,970. The **Boston Mutual**, for the fifty-first year, is rendering to the people of New England dependable life insurance service.

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### President Benton Reports Progress In Every Phase Of Company's Operations

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Insurance in force increased to \$103,589,639 with 315,019 policyholders. Reflecting increases in every phase of activity, the annual report points to a year in which the total admitted assets, the premium income, the excess of income over disbursements, and payments to policyholders again attained new all time highs.

Admitted assets during the past year increased 7%, making the total on December 31st, \$16,192,179. Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to \$15,187,364, the greater part of which are the policy reserves of \$14,519,678. Excess of income over expenditures amounted to \$921,970.

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### 72% Of Securities Owned U. S. Bonds

Recently the company has concentrated its investment of money to a steadily increasing degree in United States Government Bonds, with the result that at the end of 1941, 72% of all the securities owned were in United States bonds. Last year the United States bonds owned were increased by \$2,348,149, including an investment of \$50,000 in Series G Defense Savings Bonds, the maximum amount of this type of security which can be subscribed to in any one year.

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Munday,  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 1942  
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Boston Post.

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Admitted assets during the past year increased 7 per cent, making the total on Dec. 31, \$16,192,179. Liabilities at the end of the year amounted to \$15,187,864, the greater part of which are the policy reserves of \$14,519,678. Excess of income over expenditures amounted to \$921,970.

Last year the Boston Mutual paid policyholders and beneficiaries \$1,778,552, including participating dividends of \$220,430. Since organization the company has paid to policyholders and beneficiaries \$35,108,682.

Recently the company has concentrated its investment of money to a steadily increasing degree in United States government bonds, with the result that at the end of 1941, 72 per cent of all the securities owned were in U. S. bonds. Last year the U. S. bonds owned were increased by \$2,348,149, including an investment of \$50,000 in Series G Defense Savings Bonds, the maximum amount of this type of security which can be subscribed to in any one year.

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**TODAY'S COCKTAIL SPECIALS**

Old Fashioned 35

Martini or Manhattan 25

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**Luncheon Menu**

SERVED FROM  
11 A. M. UNTIL 4 P. M.

Half Grapefruit 15

Tomato or Grapefruit Juice 10

(6) Cotuit Oyster Cocktail 35

Fresh Crab Meat Cocktail 30      Chopped Chicken Livers 20, Full Order 35

Little Neck Clams 25      V-8 Cocktail 15      Fresh Shrimp Cocktail 30

Cream St. Germain 20      Consomme, Garni 20

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**Price of Entree Includes**

Soup or Tomato Juice or Grapefruit Juice

Any 10c Dessert and Tea or Coffee

Bottle of Milk 5c extra

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BAKED CHICKEN LOAF, Fresh Creamed Mushroom Sauce, Whipped Potatoes and Peas .....	50
BROILED WHOLE MACKEREL, Lemon Butter, Parsley Potato and Peas .....	50
BROILED FRESH GROUND HAMBURGER STEAK, Fresh Mushroom Sauce, Whipped Potatoes and Carrots .....	50
SALMON SALAD Garni on Crisp Lettuce, Dressing and Potato Chips	55
WESTERN OMELETTE (Diced Ham and Onions), French Fried Potatoes .....	55
BROILED SINGLE PORK CHOP, Apple Sauce, Candied Sweets and Squash .....	60
ROAST RUMP OF STEER BEEF au Jus, Parsley Potato and Peas	65
BROILED SALMON STEAK, Lemon Butter, Parsley Potato and Peas	75
FRESH CALF'S LIVER and Bacon Saute, Hashed Browned Potatoes Cauliflower .....	80
ROAST PRIME RIBS OF BEEF au Jus, Baked Potato and Cauliflower	90
BROILED TENDERLOIN STEAK, Fresh Mushroom Sauce, Hashed Browned Potatoes and Cauliflower .....	95
ROAST STUFFED VERMONT TURKEY, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Sweets and Squash .....	85
TOASTED LETTUCE AND TOMATO SANDWICH with Potato Chips	40
Baked Potato, 5c Extra	

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**Special for Today 85c**

Choice of Soup or Chilled Tomato Juice

ROAST STUFFED SPRING CHICKEN, APPLE SAUCE

Whipped Potatoes      Fresh Squash      Rolls and Butter

Old-Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake

Tea or Coffee

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## BLUE PLATE SPECIALS

Include Rolls and Butter Only

SIZZLING MINUTE SIRLOIN STEAK, Fresh Mushroom Sauce, Hashed Browned Potatoes and Cauliflower.....	80
HALF, BROILED SPRING CHICKEN on Toast, Bacon, French Fried Potatoes and Peas.....	75
BROILED BLOCK ISLAND SWORDFISH, Maitre d'Hotel, Parsley Potato and Peas.....	70
FRIED DEEP SEA SCALLOPS, Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potatoes and Cole Slaw.....	60
(2) BROILED SPRING LAMB CHOPS on Toast, French Fried Potatoes.....	75
STEUBEN SPECIAL BRATWURST, Tomato Sauce, Sauerkraut and Boiled Potato.....	45
FRESH CRAB MEAT SALAD Garni, Dressing, French Fried Potatoes	50
BROCHETTE OF LAMB TENDERLOIN, Russian Style, Baked Rice and Peas.....	55
FRIED IPSWICH CLAMS, Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potatoes and Cole Slaw.....	60
SMOKED BEEF TONGUE or TOASTED CRAB MEAT SALAD SANDWICH.....	35
SMALL BROILED LIVE LOBSTER, Drawn Butter, French Fried Potatoes, Cole Slaw Salad, Roll and Butter.....	95
MEDIUM BROILED LIVE LOBSTER with all the Fixin's.....	1.35
LARGE BROILED LIVE LOBSTER with all the Fixin's.....	1.75
FRESH LOBSTER SALAD, Cole Slaw, French Fried Potatoes.....	1.35

## DESSERTS

Old-Fashioned Strawberry Short-Cake 25 (with Luncheon 10 extra)	
Cocoanut Cream Pudding 10	Fresh Strawberry Tart 15
Chocolate Eclair 10	Baked Green Apple 15, with Cream 20
Chiffon, Fresh Apple or Cherry Pie 15	
Lemon Meringue, Peach or Pear Tart 15	
Orange Jello, Whipped Cream 10	Ice Cream 10
Chocolate or Butterscotch Cream Dessert 10	
Home-Made Cheese or Dutch Apple Cake 15	
Swiss Gruyere Cheese and Crackers 25	Camembert Cheese 30
Liederkrantz Cheese with Crackers 25	American Roquefort Cheese 30

Tea or Coffee 05                      Bottle of Milk or Buttermilk 10

Gibbons Beer or Ale, Seidel 15, Glass 10

GIBBONS FAMOUS BOCK BEER, GLASS 10c, BOTTLE 20c

IF DINNER MENU IS DESIRED, PLEASE ASK WAITRESS

Massachusetts Old Age Tax 5%

PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR SUBSTITUTES

Monday, March 30, 1942

*Luncheon Here -*

*Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 1942*





# THE VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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3/30/42

Dear Mr. Boulton.

Enclose I attach for  
the papers + 3 circulars as requested  
also copy of letter written to Mr. Wahl.  
I thought we might as well go "all out"  
with him. Maybe you can get him  
to come to the Party + explain or apologize  
for his cartoon.  
Anyway my letter should get some  
kind of a "rise" from him.  
If he should come, your presentation  
of the package to him + his response  
would be a nice addition to the  
entertainment!

Yours,  
D. H. Thoreau





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MARCH 30 1942

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The largest stock of the world's...

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March 30th, 1942

Francis W. Dahl, Esq.  
Boston Herald-Traveler Corporation  
80 Mason Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Dahl,-

Your cartoon Saturday morning with reference to sugar making in Vermont was good, as most of your cartoons are, and was especially interesting to Vermonters, members of the Association and doubtless many others and at the suggestion of our President, Hon. Jay R. Benton, I hereby extend to you a cordial invitation to attend our Sugar Party Saturday evening, next, as a guest of the Association and I enclose a circular descriptive of the Party.

Incidentally, if you are present at the Party we will present you with a package of sugar as an offset to what you allow in your cartoon, and if you are not able to be present we will either send you a package or some syrup whichever you prefer.

Very truly yours,

Secretary





ELEVENTH HOUR



# Big Blackout Tonight

Tuesday,  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1942 at ? O'Clock

Greater Boston, including 600 square miles, 1,800,000 persons, 175,000 A. R. P. workers and thousands and thousands of homes and automobiles, will go dark at some unannounced time this evening and anybody who thinks it's all in fun will be monkey.

Did not get much sleep last night. The 3 glasses of iced coffee keeping me wide awake until 2 A.M. for heart-ort - orange juice - wheat germ - fried eggs + brown - toast - iced coffee. To the Square with Frances + Sulway - office - work - an hour on Probate accounts + out to lunch at 12.30 with Everett Lane. To Penn The Florist to order flowers to be sent to the funeral of Director Frank H. Hardison + to Dixie Moore's for lunch. A right good place - Broiled Fresh Salmon - lemon Butter Sauce - Fresh String Beans. Roll. Butter - Milk. Grape Fruit. to S.S. Pierce's + bought bottle of Chablis and of Sparkling Red Burgandy for David's Birthday Dinner + to Filene's - Jordans - finally to Regals to get John a pair of fleece lined Bed Room - slippers as one of his birthday presents - to Woolwatts for nice yards of red - white + Blue Ribbon to embellish David's Dinner Menu + Back to the office + Real Estate Committee Meeting + out to go to the Bank - on the

way back stopped at Dennis's new location on Franklin St. to try to get Isinglass book covers - but they did not have the right size. Back to the office - left at 4.05 + to Harris' Braintree St to pick up the 3 films developed and printed - Park St. Subway - Harvard Square - 3 Magazines for John + Met Frances at Church St - Home. Read Papers - Watered the seeds - Pasted stickers on Photo Books + Dinner + Mellied Soup + Breaded Pork Chop - Baked Potato + String Beans + Cottage Cheese - Cream of Tartar Biscuits + lettuce Salad - Strawberry short-cake - up to bed early - new garage for the Mercury tonight - Harold Dudley has leased his house - the new location is in Krista's at the head of the street.

The Blackout Test Came at 9.12 P.M. Thrilling. Prowling around the house with flashlights hooded in red. Did not last very long.



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Lunches  
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Tuesday.  
March  
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## COCKTAIL SUGGESTIONS

Martini .....	30	Jack Rose .....	40	Daiquiri .....	45	Rye and Soda .....	40
Manhattan .....	35	Tom Collins .....	40	Scotch and Soda ....	45	Old-Fashioned .....	40
Orange Blossom .....	30						



## APPETIZERS

Minestrone Soup a la Milanaise, Cup	20	Chicken Broth, Cup	20
Iced Tomato Juice	20	Pineapple Juice	20
		Fresh Orange Juice	20
Half Florida Grapefruit	25	Fresh Crab Meat Cocktail	40
V-Eight Vitamin Cocktail	20		
Fresh Shrimp Cocktail	40		
1/2 Dozen Cotuit Oysters, Cocktail	45	1/2 Dozen Cherrystone or Little Neck Clams, Cocktail	45



## SALADS

CHEF'S SALAD BOWL with Julienne of Chicken and Ham	85	Fresh Fruit Salad	65
CHICKEN SALAD with Tomato Quarters	90	Fresh Lobster Salad	95
Fresh Shrimp Salad	90	Salmon Salad	70
Roquefort Dressing Ten Cents Extra			



## SANDWICHES

Sliced Chicken, White Meat	60	Chicken Salad	45	Lobster Salad	60
Ham and Swiss Cheese	40			Open Beefsteak	75
Our Special Hamburg	40	Open Club	85	Western	40
				Tomato and Bacon	35



## DESSERTS

Bread and Butter Pudding, Vanilla Sauce	15	Napoleon Slice	15
Peppermint Stick Ice Cream	15	Vanilla Ice Cream	15
Frozen Pudding Ice Cream	15	Orange Sherbet	15
Hot Fudge Sundae	20	Ice Cream Puff with Sauce	25
		Hot Butterscotch Sundae	20
Fresh Green Apple Pie	15	Dinty Moore's Chocolate Cream Pie	20
Banana Cream Pie	15	Lime Jello, Whipped Cream	15
Fresh Stewed Pears	15	Fresh Fruit Compote	25
Fresh Strawberries with Cream	25	Fresh Strawberry Short-Cake, Whipped Cream	25
Hickory Log Cheese	15	Cream Cheese	15
Camembert Cheese	20	Gruyere Cheese	20
		Roquefort Cheese	20



## BEVERAGES

Our Special Coffee	10	Pot of Tea	10	Bottle of Milk	10	Ginger Ale	10
Local Beer or Ale	20	Pabst Blue Ribbon	30	Budweiser	30	Guinness	60-35
						Bass Ale	60-35

Mass. Old Age Tax 5% on All Checks Amounting to \$1.00 or More

# Complete Luncheons

(Include 15c Dessert and Beverage)

BAKED MACARONI in Cream au Gratin in Casserole with Broiled Tomato .....	60
BOWL OF OUR DELICIOUS MINESTRONE SOUP a la Milanaise .....	60
BROILED FRESH SCHROD, Lemon Butter Sauce, Hashed Browned Potatoes, Fresh String Beans..	75
FRESH BUTTERFISH SAUTEE, Escoffier Sauce, Whipped Potatoes, Garden Spinach .....	70
SPRING SALAD BOWL with Julienne Tendermade Ham, French Dressing .....	85
HOT ROAST TURKEY SANDWICH, Brown Gravy, Candied Sweet Potato .....	85
HAM AND SWISS CHEESE SANDWICH on Rye Bread, Cole Slaw Salad, Potato Chips .....	65
OMELETTE with Chicken Livers a la Turque, Long Branch Potatoes, New Peas .....	75
★HUNGARIAN GOULASH OF BEEF in Casserole with Noodles, Garden Vegetables .....	70
OUR FAMOUS HOME-MADE RAVIOLI with Meat and Fresh Mushroom Sauce .....	70
FRESH CALF'S SWEETBREADS on Sliced Ham, Virginienne, Olivette Potatoes, New Peas .....	85
FRIED FRESH CAPE SCALLOPS, Tartar Sauce, French Fried Potatoes, Dinty Moore's Salad .....	80
GRILLED MILK-FED VEAL STEAK, Robert Sauce, Lorette Potatoes, Jumbo Lima Beans .....	90
SLICED FILET MIGNON, Bordelaise Sauce, Lorette Potatoes, Fresh Garden Vegetables .....	95
CASSEROLETTE of Fresh Lobster and Mushrooms a la Newburg, French Fried Potatoes, New Peas	95
ROAST STUFFED TURKEY, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Sweet Potato, Mashed Hubbard Squash ....	1.00

## GRILL SPECIALTIES

BROILED SWORDFISH STEAK, Maitre d'Hotel, Minute Potatoes, Chef's Salad .....	85
BROILED LIVE CHICKEN LOBSTER, Drawn Butter, French Fried Potatoes .....	1.10
GRILLED HAM AND EGGS, French Fried Potatoes .....	85
BROILED THICK LAMB CHOP, Long Branch Potatoes, New Peas .....	95
BROILED CHOPPED BEEF STEAK, French Fried Onions, Whipped Potatoes .....	90
GRILLED BACON AND EGGS, French Fried Potatoes .....	80
OUR SPECIAL BROILED FRESH CALF'S LIVER, French Fried Onions, Baked Potato .....	95
FILET MIGNON, French Fried Potatoes, Fresh String Beans .....	1.35
BROILED MINUTE STEAK, Baked Potato, Fresh Green Peas .....	1.35
BROILED SPRING CHICKEN (HALF), French Fried Potatoes, Green Peas .....	1.25



Choice of Any 15c Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Milk or Ginger Ale

Tuesday, March 31 1942

**TEST BLACKOUT  
COMING**

**Be Prepared!**

**All Lights Must Go Out**

**Read Instructions and  
Follow Them.**

**Obey Wardens' Orders**











**DURING AND BEFORE BLACKOUT**—Pictures taken from Customhouse tower showing, at top, Boston blacked out except for lights on Boston's half of the Harvard Bridge, a few gleams from the Federal Building (at left), and defense plants across the Charles. The other illumination is from searchlights sweeping the clouds to pick out planes and from two airplane beacons on the Courthouse Building at right. Below is the city as it looked before the blackout.

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1942



# ALONG THE COURSE OF THE BLACKOUT





Eerie scene—somewhere in Boston—as giant anti-aircraft beams search darkened heavens for “enemy aerial raiders” during last night’s surprise blackout. Thousands witnessed the spine-tingling spectacle.





**VICTORY LIGHT OVER BLACKOUT** was cast by the giant flare of Everett furnaces, doing war work too vital to be stopped for any simulated raid. The white line across the cloudy sky marks the passage of a plane—this time a friendly visitor.



MARKED COPY

BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
100 CONGRESS ST., BOSTON, MASS.

March 31, 1942

To the Members of the Board of Directors:

It becomes my sad duty to inform you that our fellow director, Mr. Frank H. Hardison passed away yesterday, March 30th, at the age of 93, at his home, 54 Abbott Road, Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Prior to his being elected to the Board of Directors of this Company, he had had a long and distinguished career as Commissioner of Insurance of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was elected to our Board on January 16, 1924 and rendered to the policyholders of this Company services of the most valuable sort. To the writer, he had the keenest insurance mind on the Board, and all his decisions, conclusions, and recommendations were characterized by the soundest of judgments. He not only attended the meetings of the Board faithfully but, also, those of the Real Estate Committee in the last years of his service to the Company. It was in November 1940 that he suffered an accident in a fall when on his way to a meeting of the Real Estate Committee. Since that time he was pretty much confined to his home. However, he followed the work of the Company closely, read all reports carefully, and gave us the advantage of his views and recommendations in writing from time to time.

The funeral services will be held at his home tomorrow afternoon, April 1st, at 2 o'clock, and while the newspapers state that the services will be private, I have been informed by the family, upon inquiry, that they will be pleased to have me attend the services and I assume that the relatives would be pleased to have any other member of the Board attend who might care to do so.

Yours very truly,

*Joy P. Benton*

President

April 11, 1904

The Secretary of the Board of Directors

I am very sorry to hear of the death of your father. I hope the funeral services will be held at his home tomorrow.

With my best wishes to you and your family, I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours very truly,  
The Hon. Charles D. Walcott, Secretary of the Board of Directors  
of the American Museum of Natural History  
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President

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March 31, 1942

To the Family of  
Mr. Frank H. Hardison  
54 Abbott Road  
Wellesley Hills, Mass.

I was deeply shocked to read in this morning's "Herald" of the passing on of Mr. Hardison. While we all here at the home office knew of his advanced age and that he had not been feeling entirely well since his accident as he was coming to a Real Estate Committee Meeting here in November of 1940, nonetheless we all of us here are sad to learn of his going on.

Mr. Hardison rendered the most valuable kind of services for a long period of time to this Company as a member of the Board of Directors and as a member of the Real Estate Committee. His long, faithful, and capable service as Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts gave him a background that placed him at the forefront of those who had the responsibilities of directorship.

Upon calling your house this morning, I was pleased to learn that I may be privileged to attend the services tomorrow at two o'clock, which I shall do. Also, a floral tribute is being sent out as a token of the high regard of all of us.

When the Directors meet at their next monthly meeting -- in the middle of April -- we shall have presented a set of resolutions which will be adopted by all the Directors and placed in the records of this Company and a copy of them will be sent to you.

Respectfully yours,

*Joy R. Benton*

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# MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY

## MERRIMAC DIVISION

BOSTON, MASS.  
EVERETT STATION

WILLIAM M. RAND  
VICE PRESIDENT

March 31, 1942

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President  
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Thank you very much for sending me the  
Forty-second Annual Statement of the Boston Mutual  
Life Insurance Company. I congratulate you on  
your company's progress.

My best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



WMR M

BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

March 31, 1942

Mr. Jay R. Benton  
Boston Mutual Life Ins. Co.  
160 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

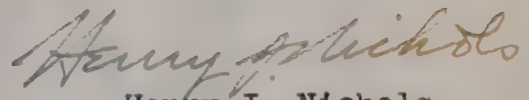
I want you to know that I have appreciated the backing you have given me since I became President of the Chamber. It has meant a lot to me personally, and above all it has helped the Chamber to do a good job for the region that it serves.

The national emergency is, of course, bringing a lot of new problems that vitally affect our business lives and our whole future. Since there is no other local organization so well equipped to deal with many of these matters, I know you will want the Chamber to carry on. I willingly accept my share of the responsibilities, provided I can have continued support. Because it is so important, I am urgently requesting every individual member to stand by "for the duration," and I am counting on you in 1942.

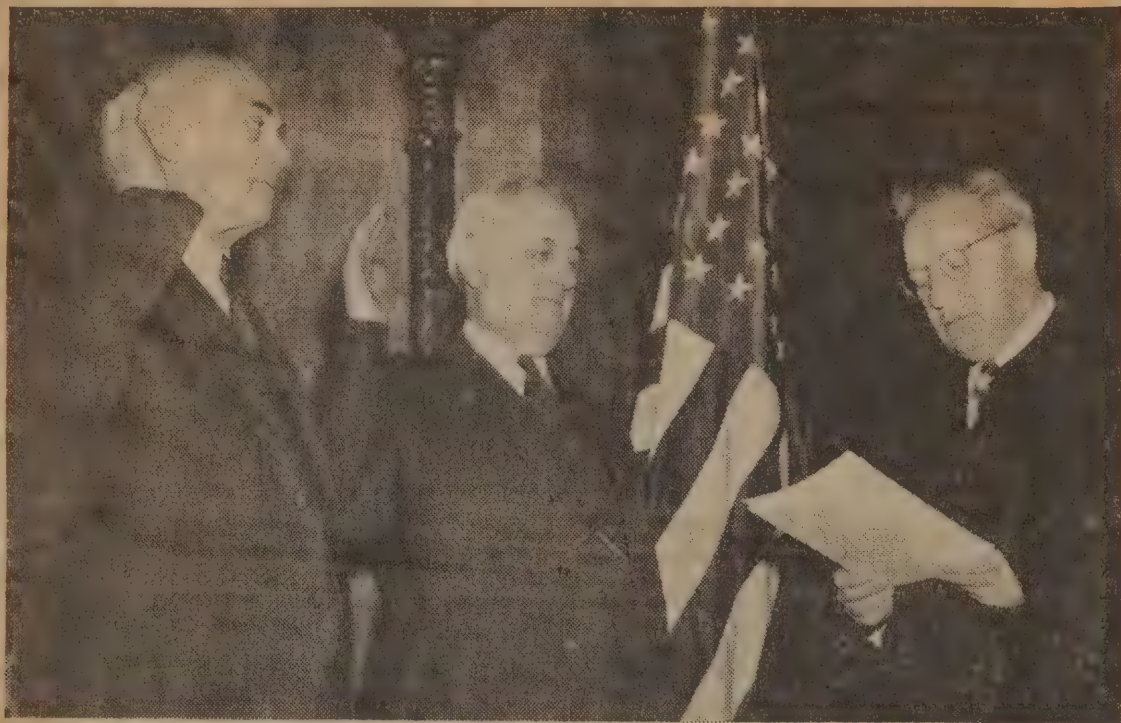
Just recently a little booklet called "On The Job" was sent you. I hope you have looked it over. In a brief and readable manner it gives an idea of what the Chamber has been doing and of some of the things it proposes to do this year. Other new and urgent matters are sure to come up and we shall do our best to meet them as they arise.

I think you will agree that our record of accomplishment is impressive and that because of recent tragic international developments the necessity for a strong Chamber of Commerce is greater than ever.

Sincerely yours,

  
Henry J. Nichols  
President

Enclosure



**NEW FEDERAL COMMISSIONERS**—Martin T. Hall (left) and Col. William C. Rogers (center) were sworn in as United States Commissioners for the Boston district at the Federal Building today by Federal Judge Francis J. W. Ford (right).





CORPORAL JOHN H. BENTON  
Regimental Headquarters Battery  
101st Field Artillery  
Camp Edwards, Massachusetts

Thu. Mar. 31, 1942

Dear Dad:

Thank you very much  
for your letter and also for  
the renewal of all that  
frank business. Believe me,  
I'm more grateful than I  
can say!

No, we didn't get any  
snow here on the cape.  
Just cold and raining all  
day yesterday. A typical blue  
Monday. Today the sun is  
trying hard to break  
through and I think that  
it's going to succeed.

"Let's" hope so.

Yesterday afternoon we went out on a field problem and there's another one coming up this afternoon. Same old stuff that we were doing a year ago. Hottum!

Movies last night. Norma Shearer's latest. Not bad at all. A bottle of 3.2 - then to bed. Tonight Jim charge of quarters which means sleeping in the office.

Now it's off to lunch. Good old stew.

My love to you and all  
The family —

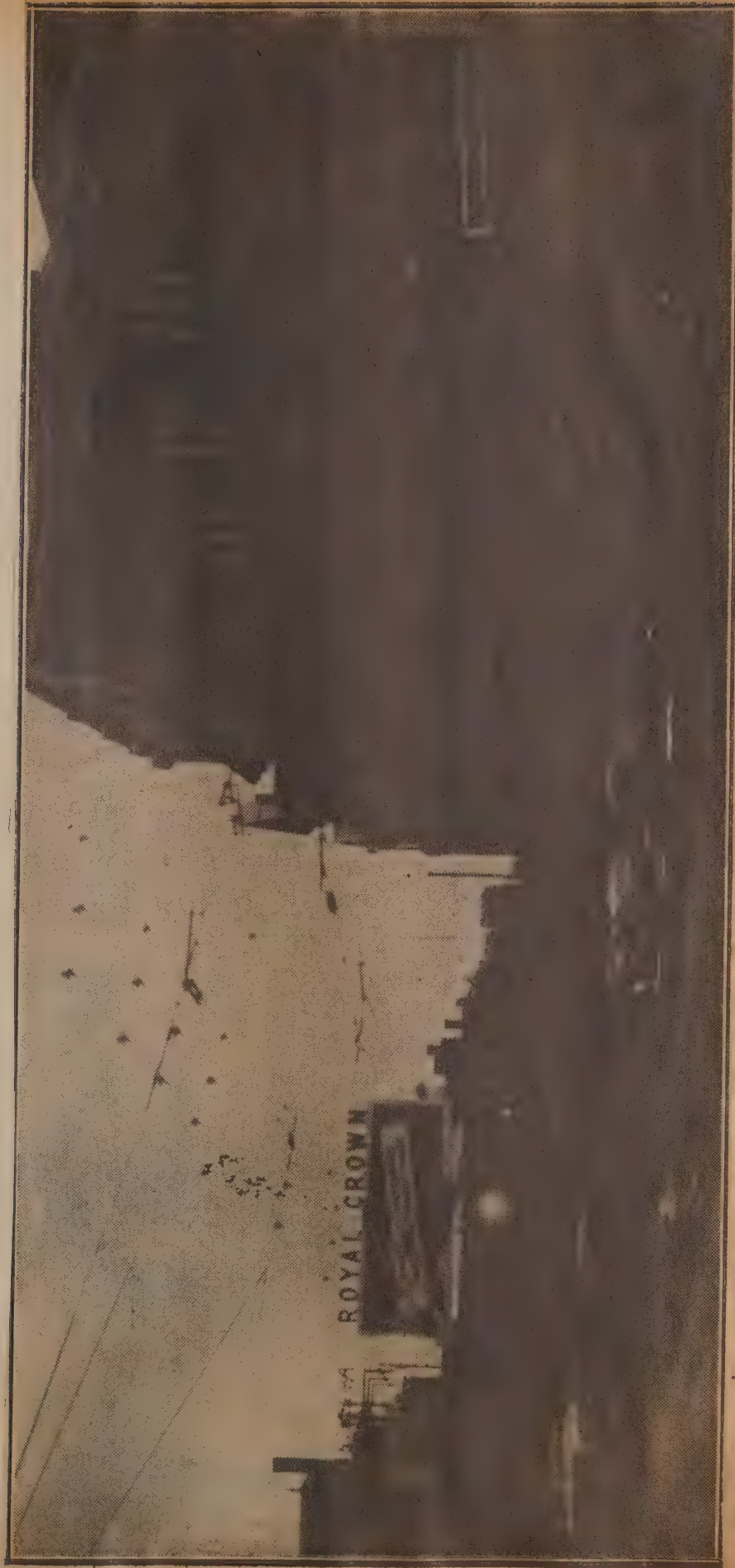
— John —







**HARVARD SQUARE, CAMBRIDGE, WITH LIGHTS ABLAZE BEFORE BLACKOUT**



**SAME SCENE DURING BLACKOUT--HALATION GAVE DAYLIGHT APPEARANCE**







By a Staff Photographer; Associated Press

### Striking Study in Wartime Contrasts on Boston Skyline

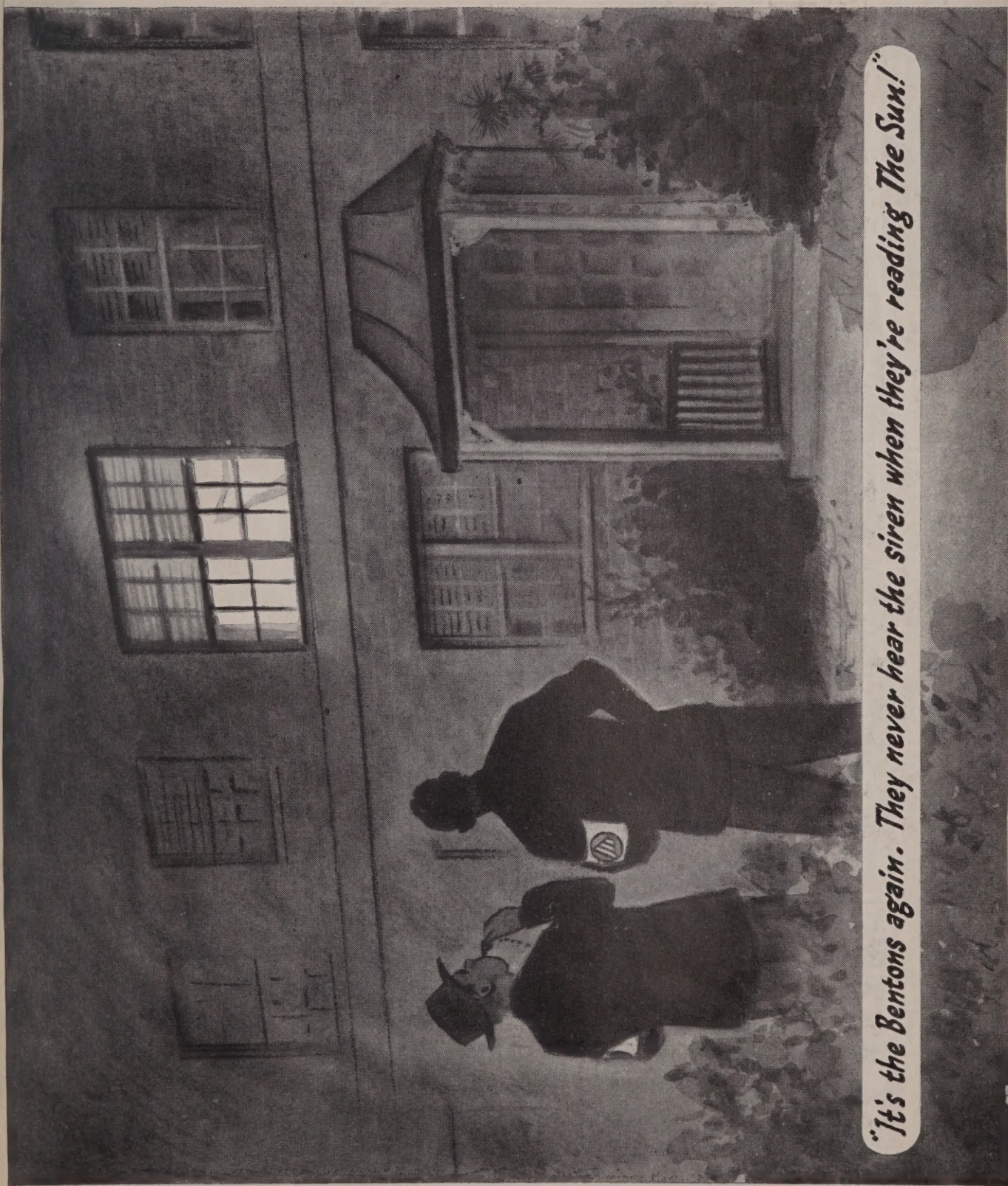
Upper: Looking out over the State House, Common and Back Bay from Boston's Suffolk County Courthouse last night, the photographer caught the glitter and sparkle of a great city aglow with light and life. After the sirens' blast, the same view was one of utter blackness as not only Boston but 48 other adjacent cities and towns, comprising a population of more than 1,700,000, withdrew from the streets and extinguished all visible lights. The photographer's record of the inky blackout (reduced in size) appears in the inset.

Lower: From the lofty Custom House tower on the Boston waterfront, only one bright spot showed during the blackout. It was the brightly illuminated tower of the Suffolk County Courthouse, where civil defense officials, Army and Navy observers, and newspaper men were watching the spectacular test.









*"It's the Bentons again. They never hear the siren when they're reading The Sun!"*



